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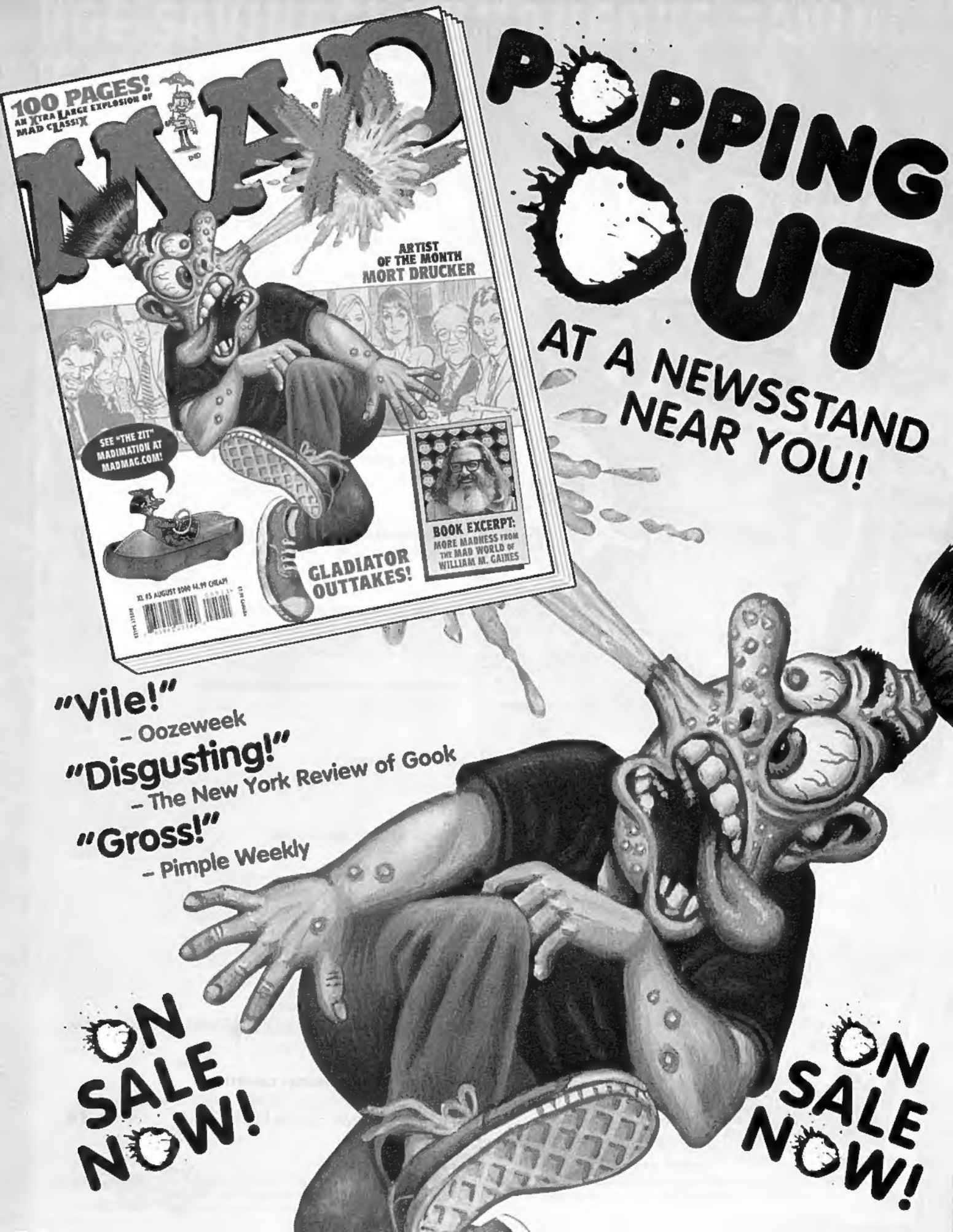
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"If we really learned from our past mistakes, most of us would never get out of bed in the morning!"

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WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

I was reading the article "Boobs Want To Be A Millionaire" (#392). There's a girl holding up a sign that read "Watch this space." So I did, and at first it just looked like a bunch of jumbled letters, but then I wrote them down on paper. Then the letters started to make sense. It said something like "It's crackers to slip a..." That's when I started getting confused. I just couldn't figure out the last part. Can you tell me what the last part is, or if I messed up on the whole thing. Or if it was all just supposed to be an eye-catcher and not mean anything at all.

Lane Wallace, Paradise, CA

Wally —We've gone over the signs in great detail. As any true MAD fan would know, it says: "It's crackers to slip a rozzer the dropsy in snide!" Hope this clears it up for you. If not, consult your fershlugginer potrzebie, clod! —Ed.

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I come from the fourth country in the British Isles that nobody ever mentions except when they're referring to Charles and Diana. My request for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™ is just for you to mention our country in MAD and let everyone know we're a nation in our own right and not just another part of England.

Andy Reid, Cardiff, Wales

Reidy — We're sorry that you feel so many don't know about your wonderful and glorious country. For those who may have missed *Zoom's* recent two-minute segment on Wales, we happily print some of the salient highlights as we remember them. Situated at the tip of the Panama Canal, the tiny peninsula of Wales has a population of 50 million, most of whom work as farmers in the country's bustling factory district. Originally a colony of Guam, Wales attained its independence after a bitter war fought over a long holiday weekend. Its first President, Hernandez Eduardo Tonsil, abdicated his throne in 1979 to marry an American transvestite playwright. Today, Wales shines as a beacon for all those yearning to breathe pungent air brought about by the country's chronic Yak overpopulation problem. Viva Wales! —Ed.

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It started out as a scab, but the next day my head fell off — JK Orange...Ignorance is bliss, and I'm the happiest man alive — TomPetty99...You all rule and that's all I have to say — MSTAJONES...What color does a Smurf change when you choke it? — Adam32...Jimmy Carter was the 39th President of the United States. My cat's name is Pip. Coincidence? I think not! — Notin Ohio. — I've been kicked out of chat rooms for scrolling "MAD rules the world!"...A1OK13 — Why do the Oreo people even bother with the cookie part?...Cronus319

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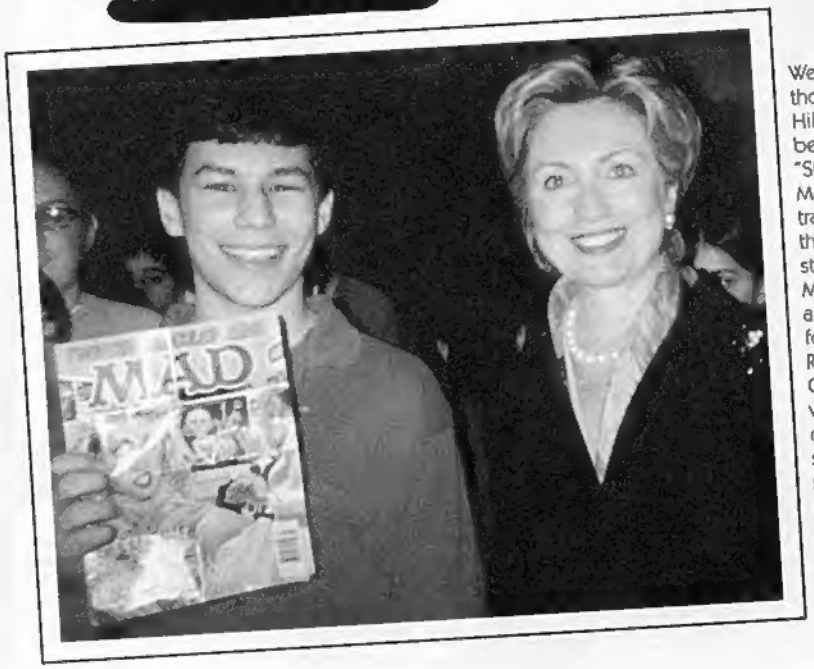

We always thought that Hillary Clinton believed in "Stand By Your Man." Au contraire, it's really that Hillary stands by her MAD! Which is a good thing for Michael Robin of Chappaqua, NY who nails a one-year subscription and a special surprise gift for this *Nifty Fifty*™ snapshot!

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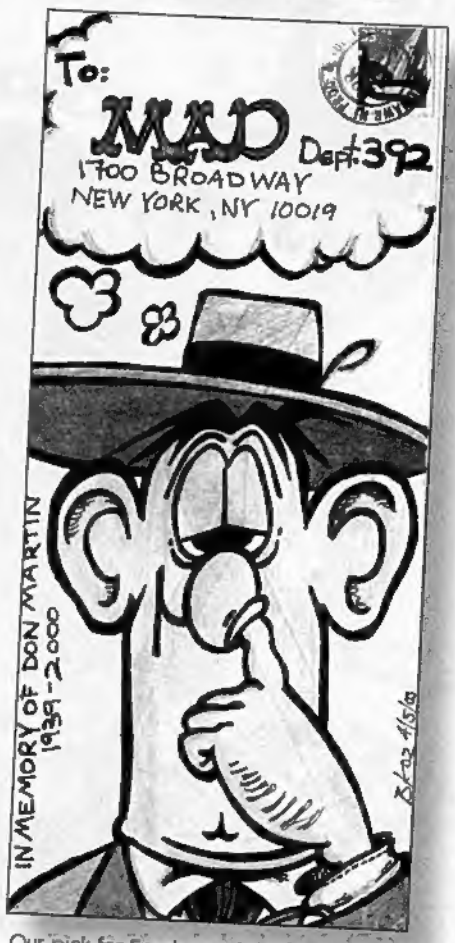

Our pick for Envelope of the Month is this homage to the late Don Martin sent in by Bob Kozarski of Westmont, NJ. Thanks, Bob!

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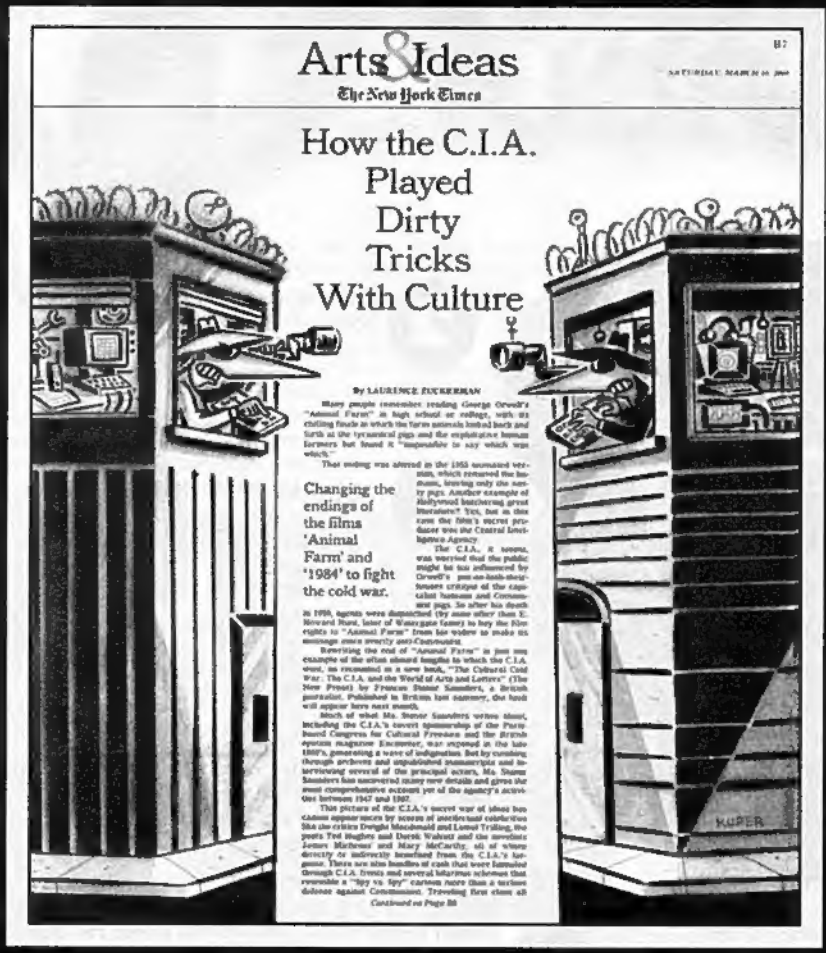
THESE TIMES DEMAND THE SPIES

Proving conclusively that the much-vaunted *New York Times* is no longer the great newspaper it once was, they recently hired MAD artist Peter Kuper to illustrate an article using our own Spy Vs. Spy. We happily reprint it without permission for your enjoyment!



Arts & Ideas
The New York Times

How the C.I.A. Played Dirty Tricks With Culture

Changing the endings of the films 'Animal Farm' and '1984' to fight the cold war.

By LAURENCE ZUCKERMAN

Many people remember reading George Orwell's "Animal Farm" in high school or college, with its chilling finale in which the farm animals looked back and forth at the tyrannical pigs and the exploitative human farmers but found it "impossible to say which was which."

That ending was altered in the 1955 animated version, which restored the humans, leaving only the nasty pigs. Another example of Hollywood butchering great literature? Yes, but in this case the film's secret producer was the Central Intelligence Agency.

The C.I.A., it seems, was worried that the public might be too influenced by Orwell's put-on-knit-sweaters critique of the capitalist humans and Communist pigs. So after his death in 1950, agents were dispatched (by some other than E. Howard Hunt, later of Watergate fame) to buy the film rights to "Animal Farm" from his widow to make its message more overtly anti-Communist.

Rewriting the end of "Animal Farm" is just one example of the ofttan skewed lengths to which the C.I.A. went, as recounted in a new book, "The Cultural Cold War: The C.I.A. and the World of Arts and Letters" (The New Press) by Frances Stonor Saunders, a British journalist. Published in Britain last summer, the book will appear here next month.

Much of what Ms. Stonor Saunders writes about, including the C.I.A.'s covert sponsorship of the Paris-based Congress for Cultural Freedom and the British opinion magazine Encounter, was exposed in the late 1960's, generating a wave of indignation. But by combing through archives and unpublished manuscripts and interviewing several of the principal actors, Ms. Stonor Saunders has uncovered many new details and gives the most comprehensive account yet of the agency's activities between 1947 and 1967.

The picture of the C.I.A.'s secret war of ideas has curious appearances by scores of intellectual celebrities like the critics Dwight Macdonald and Lionel Trilling, the poets Ted Hughes and Derek Walcott and the novelists James Michener and Mary McCarthy, all of whom directly or indirectly benefited from the C.I.A.'s largesse. There are also bundles of cash that were funneled through C.I.A. fronts and several hilarious schemes that resemble a "Spy vs. Spy" cartoon more than a serious defense against Communism. Traveling first class all

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REST IN PEANUTS

You have disgraced the late Charles Schulz and very poorly imitated his work. Mr. Schulz gave us many years of *Peanuts*. When he died, all we were left with was our great memories of the characters and episodes. In the article "Final Episodes of Peanuts You Never Saw" in MAD #393, Charlie Brown kills Snoopy. In my opinion that is disgusting. These non-entertaining strips just show how desperate you really are.

Rick Scott, Seattle, WA

Ricky — Good grief! —Ed.

THE CROAK'S ON YOU

I am writing in response to an article in issue #393, "Practical Joke Items Guaranteed to Put the 'Fun' Back In Funerals." It was not funny at all. I think you went way too far with this joke. It was tasteless and disrespectful to the dead. I do not think death is something to joke about. I do not think this joke was very well thought out and I hope you will never make fun of death again.

Dylan Hughes, Seattle, WA

Dylan — Drop dead! —Ed.

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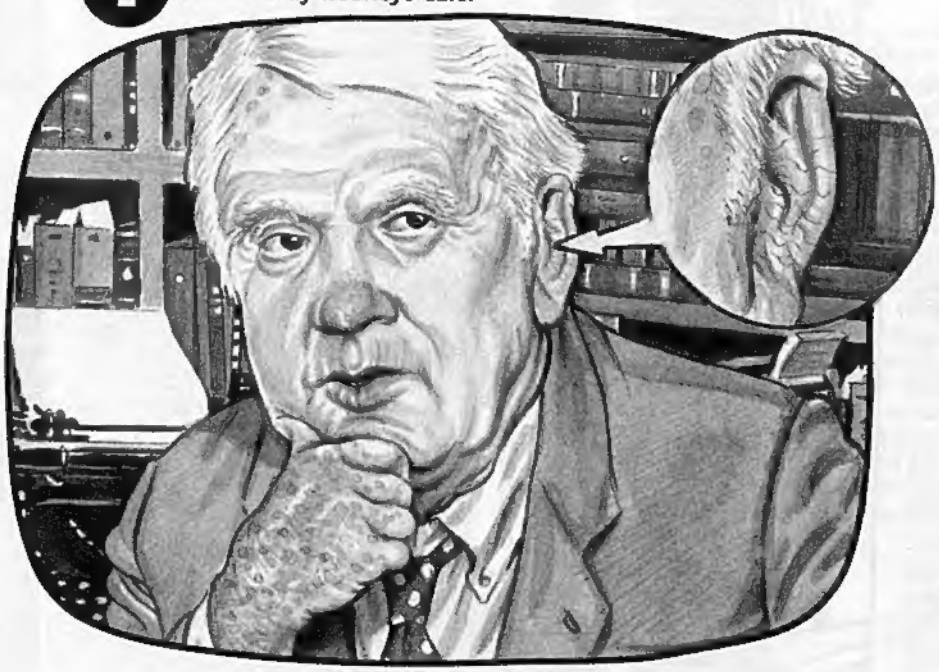
50 WORST THINGS ABOUT... TV

Compiling a list of the 50 Worst Things About Television was no easy feat. How do you whittle it down when the networks keep offering up so much crap? It was a difficult task, which was why we paid someone to do it for us! *MAD's 50 Worst Things About...* is a new annual feature, so mark your calendars now for June 2001! (As if you had nothing better to do, nimrod!)

1 Those tiny little hairs growing out of Andy Rooney's ears.



2 *Road Rules*: Everything you hate about *The Real World* crammed into a Winnebago.

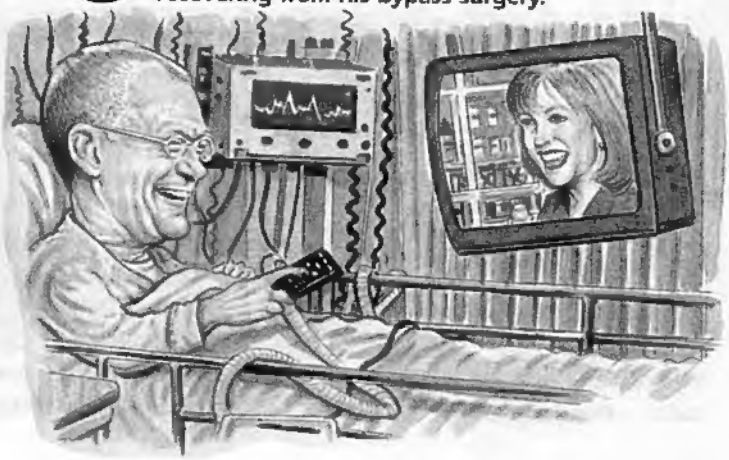
3 Nick-at-Nite's airing of the later episodes of *Happy Days* where every single cast member including Tom Bosley gets a standing ovation simply for entering a scene.

4 Watching the once-brilliant *Frasier* dip more and more frequently into the *Three's Company* well of "miscommunication" plot ideas.

5 The frightening power that Oprah appears to wield over an entire nation of mindless, overweight women — except Rosie O'Donnell.

6 "Human interest" stories featuring water skiing rodents that are aired after the Sports report to burn up the last few minutes of a newscast.

7 David Letterman's attempt to make his audience as sick and disoriented as he was by picking Kathie Lee to guest host for him while he was recovering from his bypass surgery.



8 Comedy Central's *The Man Show:* All of the immature, low-brow, beer-chugging misogynistic fun of frat house life without any of that drunken homosexual experimentation. (We think.)

9 Lame-ass, awkwardly-animated, first-season episodes of *The Simpsons* where Homer's voice sounds bizarre and half the town acts completely out of character. *Take them out of syndication and burn them!*

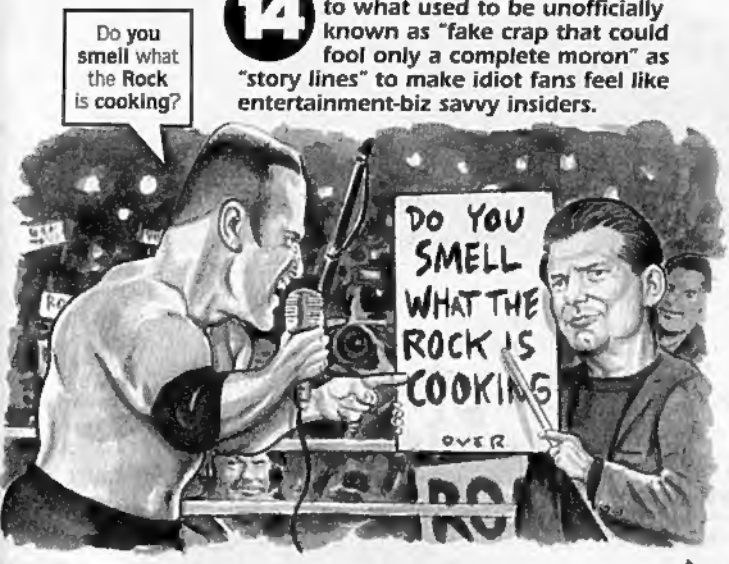
10 MTV's "Rock the Vote" campaigns, which encourage stupid people with no grasp of important issues to go out there and randomly vote simply because it's "cool."

11 Barbara Walters' out-of-control vanity, which demands that her cameramen shoot her with such soft focus that she's little more than a ghostly, lisping blur.

12 TV executives' insistence that no matter how many failed sitcoms they've starred in, the public *still* wants to see more of the Wayans family.

13 All of Hanna-Barbera's output since 1966. And most of it before.

14 The wrestling industry referring to what used to be unofficially known as "fake crap that could fool only a complete moron" as "story lines" to make idiot fans feel like entertainment-biz savvy insiders.



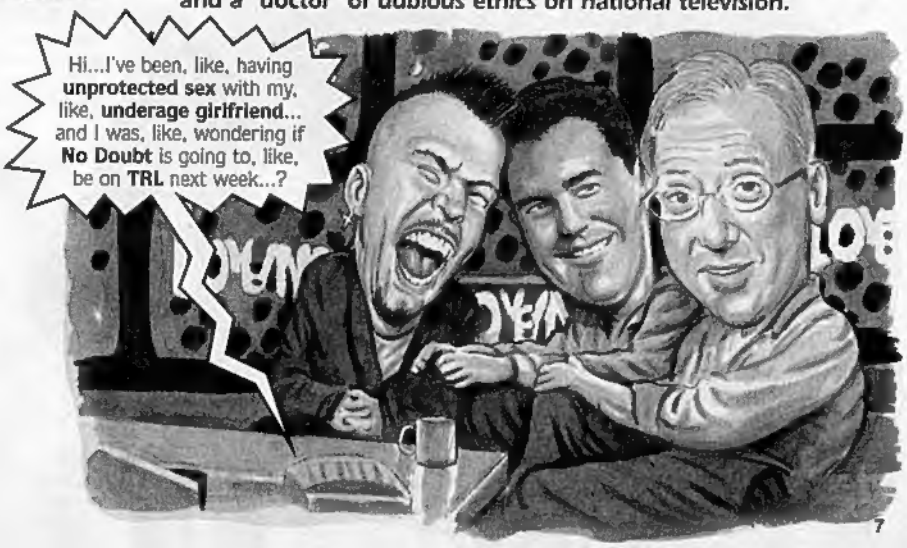
15 Any ill-conceived-half-baked-they're-running-a-few-minutes-short-this-week-after-the-musical-guest's-second-number sketch buried at 12:48 a.m. on *Saturday Night Live.*

16 *America's Funniest Home Videos'* desperate practice of cutting to a hysterically laughing audience member after showing a supposedly amusing clip to help remind the home viewers that they're watching a show that features the word "Funniest" in its title.

17 The hypocrisy of *Loveline,* the show that claims to encourage safe sex and responsibility when, in fact, it merely gives immature teenagers a forum to show how "cool" they are by publicly soliciting sexual advice from a panel of equally immature low-level celebrities and a "doctor" of dubious ethics on national television.

18 The televising of shock jock Howard Stern's radio show, which turns out to be shockingly boring when you actually see it.

19 Geraldo Rivera's short-lived "respectability" that proved a lot less successful than his previous incarnation.


Hi...I've been, like, having **unprotected sex** with my, like, **underage girlfriend**... and I was, like, wondering if **No Doubt** is going to, like, be on **TRL** next week...?

20 *Jeopardy!'s* practice of NEVER having the camera on Alex Trebek when he reads the clues so he can go back later and correct all of his horrendous mispronunciations before they're aired and keep his reputation intact.

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO

MAD's 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT... TV

21 Jay Leno's decision to give up his edgy stand-up persona in exchange for chronic celebrity ass-kissing.

22 Bryant Gumbel's unwelcome return to morning television.

23 Ted Turner's opinion that first season episodes of *Gilligan's Island*, originally filmed in black and white, are somehow more enjoyable to watch colorized, now that the seven stranded castaways seem to be suffering from a combination of sunburn and jaundice.

24 Out of town yahoos in The *Today* Show crowd insisting on giving Al Roker T-shirts that he couldn't fit in to with a price-club size bottle of Wesson oil and the Jaws of Life!

25 The recent glut of prescription drug commercials featuring references to grotesque potential side effects that have replaced ads for hemorrhoid ointment and tampons as the number one cause of dinnertime nausea.

Sphincterofin-Z has been known to cause diarrhea, loose stools, anal leakage, oily discharge and other uncontrollable rectal episodes.

26 Weepy TV movies featuring the adoption process, Valerie Bertinelli, a missing child, or any combination thereof.

27 The odd phenomenon of tuning into a show just twice over the space of seven months and seeing the same crummy episode.

28 The usually kid-friendly Animal Planet's bright idea to base a reality show around the squealing, screeching, guttural agony of beloved pets suffering from various kinds of agonizing trauma – and occasionally cutting away from the gore only to focus on the intense grief experienced by the pets' owners.

29 VH1's *Divas Live:* An extravagant celebration of all the worst qualities in a gaggle of overpaid prima donnas without showing any of the backstage cat fights.

30 A seemingly infinite number of biography shows covering all the same ground while showcasing a very finite number of uninteresting celebrities.

31 Just missing the timeslot you wanted to check out on the *TV Guide* Channel and having to wait another fifteen minutes before it sluggishly scrolls around again, at which point the information is outdated and useless.

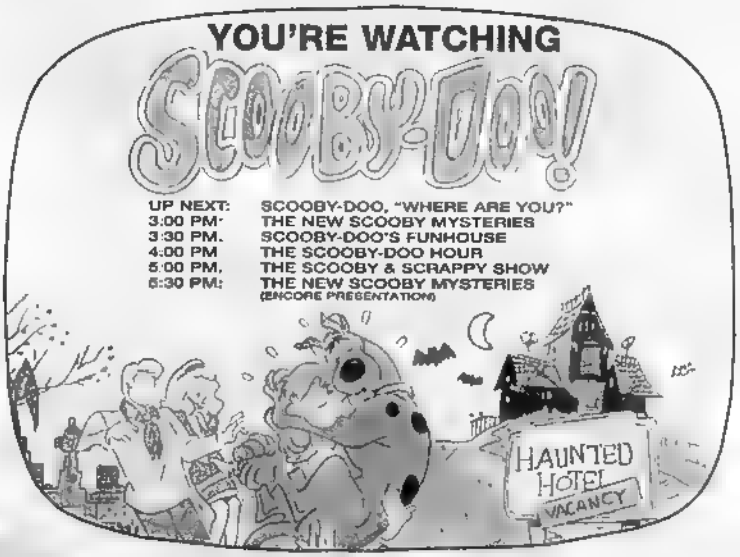
32 Comedy Central's decision to renew the tiresome, repetitive *South Park* for another three years, despite loss of interest on behalf of both its creators and its viewers following the show's massive overexposure after only two years.

33 *Inside The Actors Studio*, with host James Lipton's ridiculous fawning over Robert DeNiro one week and Adam Sandler the next, with equivalent amounts of drooling admiration.

34 The supposed legitimacy a group of admittedly paid-off applauding yahoos in the studio audience give to whatever piece of crap Ronco founder Ron Popeil is hawking this month.

35 Turner Broadcasting's moronic practice of starting all TBS programs five minutes after the hour. *Hey Ted, put a new battery in your Swatch!*

36 The Cartoon Network filling up 80% of its schedule with one tired character despite having access to the entire libraries of four different cartoon studios.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5:00 PM. THE SCOOBY-DOO HOUR
5:30 PM: THE SCOOBY & SCRAPPY SHOW
(ENCORE PRESENTATION) THE NEW SCOOBY MYSTERIES
HAUNTED HOTEL VACANCY

37 The unwelcome opportunity to get sick of overexposed commercials (that we'd hoped had been laid to rest years ago!) all over again on TV Land.

38 The clockwork regularity with which scores of teen characters on WB shows lose their virginity during Sweeps Weeks.

39 The oily, very un-Walt-like Michael Eisner trying unsuccessfully to exude warmth when introducing ABC's latest Sunday night miscast-celebrity, family-friendly claptrap.

And now, The *Wonderful World of Disney* proudly presents *Fran Drescher* in an all-new musical version of *The Miracle Worker*.
WAH-TUH!

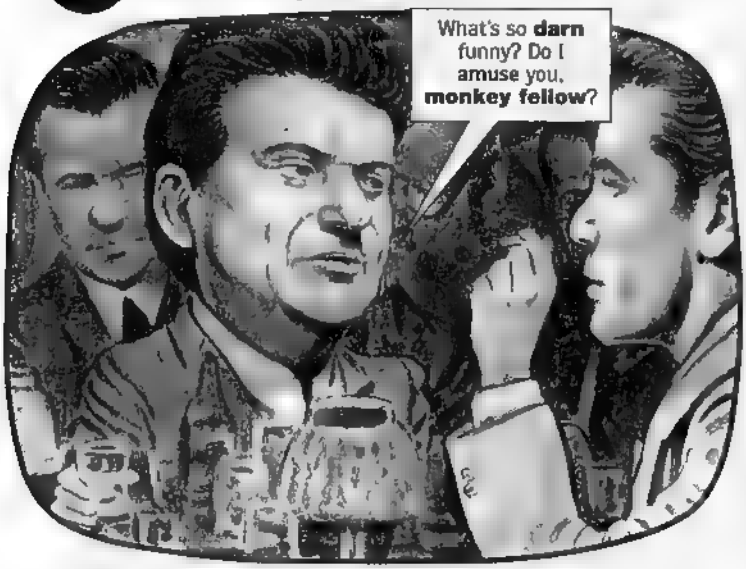
40 Bitter former child actors who constantly whine and complain about being remembered solely for their years on an ancient sitcom, yet whose only recent appearances are on the talk show circuit's ubiquitous "Child Stars: Where Are They Now?" episodes.

41 Cartoons that have two dozen child psychologists in their credits as if the point of the show was to do anything but sell T-shirts and toys.

MAD's 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT... TV

43 Talk show "makeovers" which imply the incredible transformation they've accomplished on some poor slob is something she'll be able to maintain back home in the Ozarks without the aid of professional hair and make-up artists or a wardrobe of designer clothes given to the show for free advertising.

44 Movies edited for TV featuring absurdly tame versions of formerly "offending" dialogue in a voice that in no way resembles that of the actor on screen.

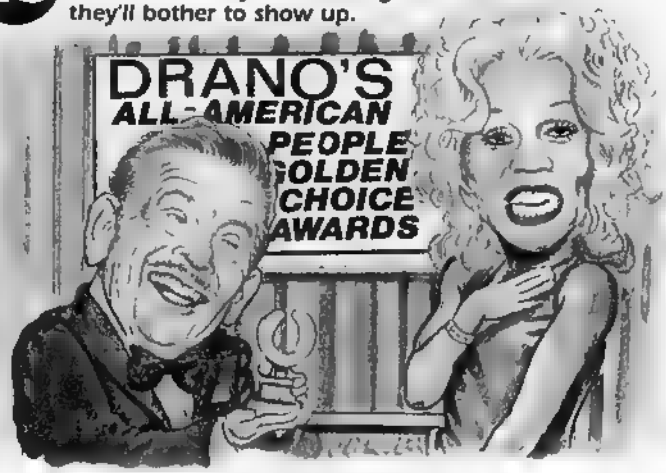


46 Season Three of *The Drew Carey Show*: Goodbye adequate writing, hello gimmick episodes!

48 The maniacal fervor with which some rich 14-year-old white girl from Long Island who's never known hardship gushes on MTV's *Total Request Live* that the music from some idiotic boy band "got me through a really tough time in my life."

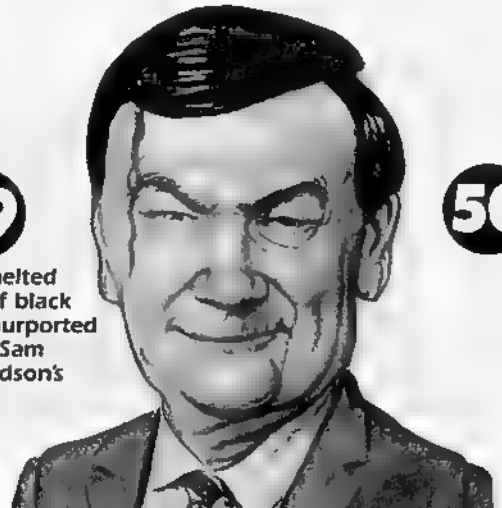
42 A "Very Brady" anything. With the exception of *A Very Brady Suicide.*

45 Obscure, unnecessary and meaningless awards shows where even C-list celebrities are told beforehand they've won to guarantee they'll bother to show up.



47 PBS's incomprehensible practice of trying to sell you a tape of the boring show you just watched. Hey morons, almost everyone in the country can tape the show on their own VCR! And if they don't own a VCR, what the hell are they gonna do with *your* freakin' tape?

49 The melted gob of black wax purported to be Sam Donaldson's hair.



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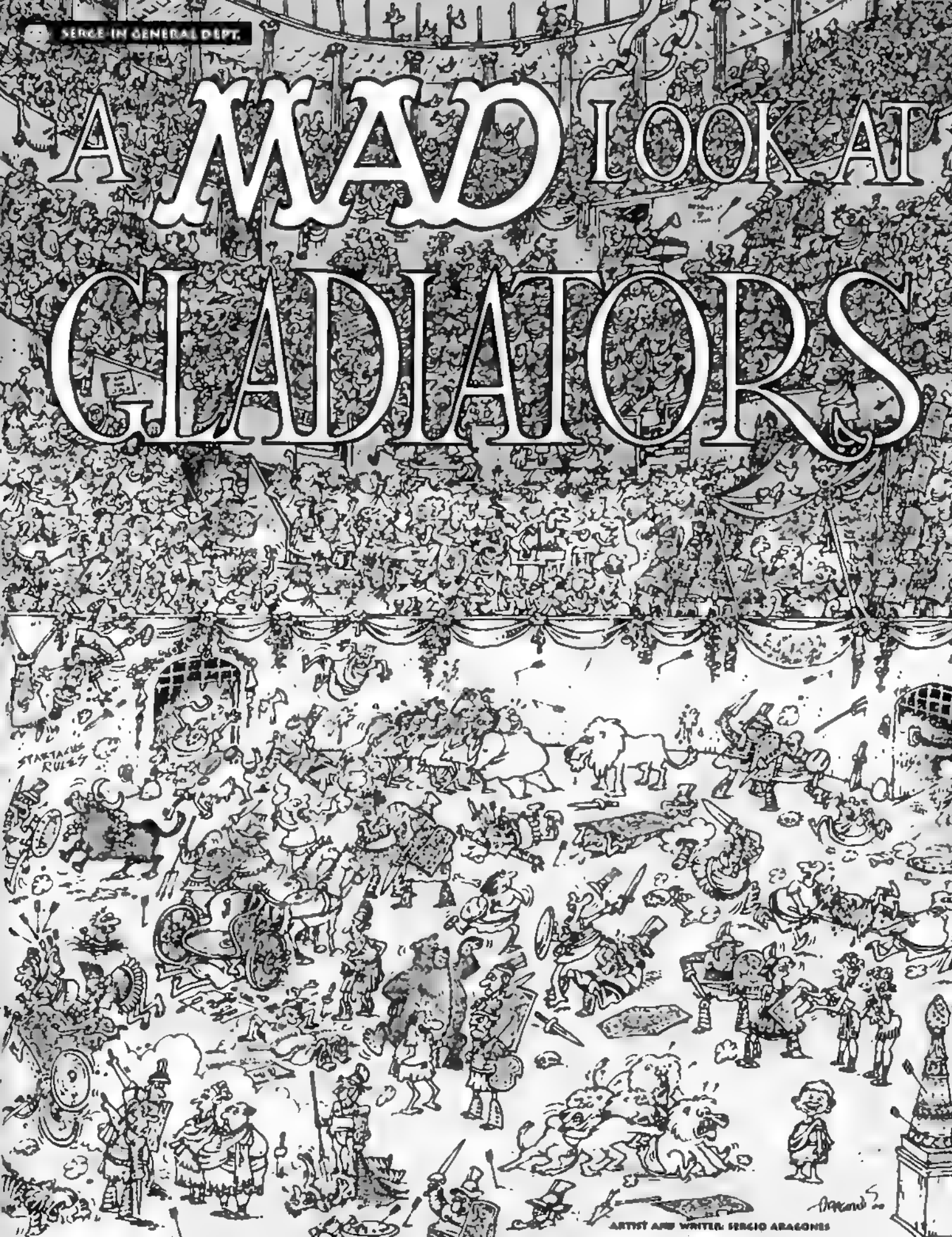

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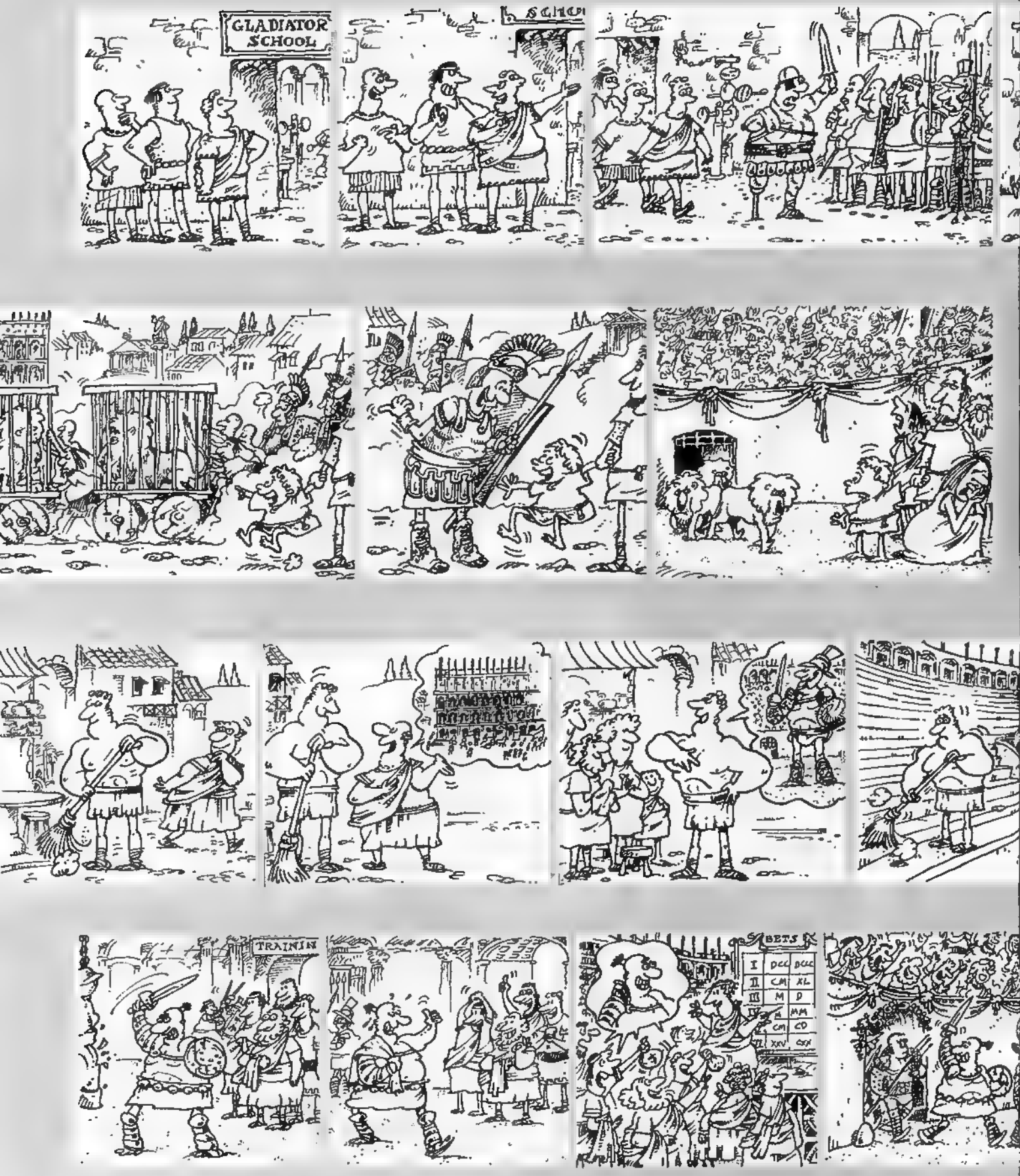
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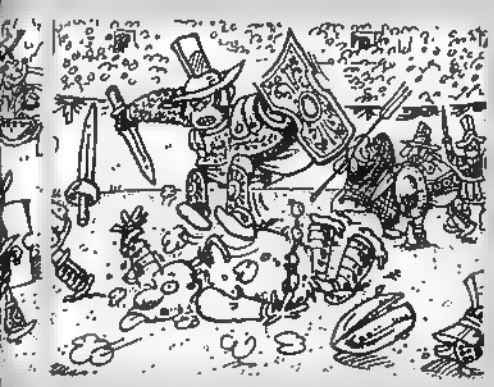

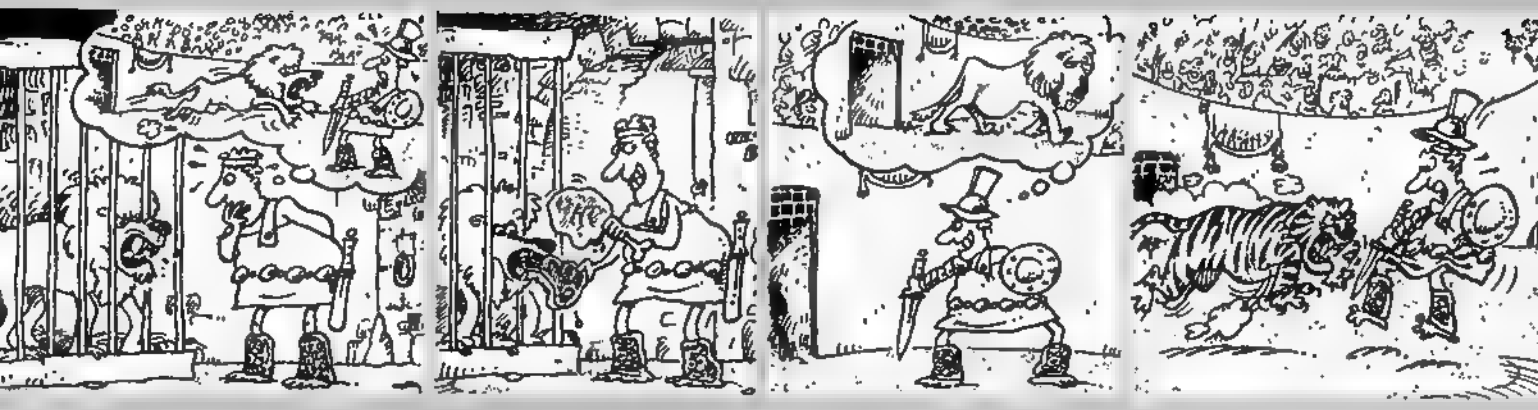

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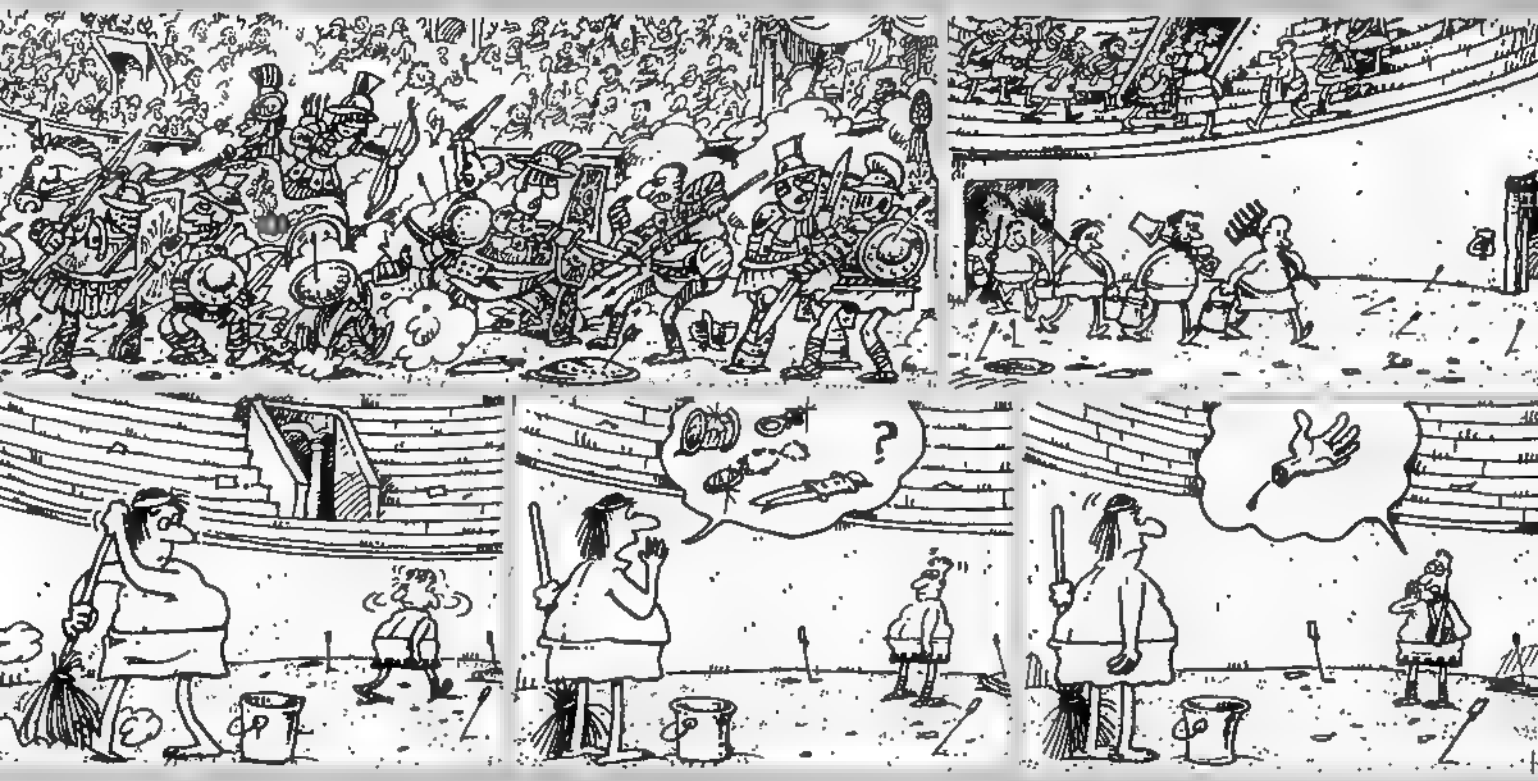
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I'M GONNA GO HANG OUT DOWN AT THE UNDERPASS!
YOU'RE NOT WASTING ANOTHER SUMMER VACATION AT THAT UNDERPASS, YOUNG MAN!
BUT MOOOMMMM...
FORGET IT! I'M NOT PAYING FOR ANY MORE RABIES SHOTS! THAT HOSPITAL CHARGED ME A FORTUNE FOR YOUR RAT BITES.
SPEAKIN' OF HOSPITALS, I GOTTA GET ME A REFILL ON MY HEART PILLS!
HELLO, VA.? GET ME DOCTOR D'ESPOSITO --
YOU'RE THE 103RD CALLER ON THE K-RUD CRUISE LINE! YOU'RE OUR WINNER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT! NOW PUT OL' DOC SAWBONES ON THE PHONE!
THIS GUY'S A RIOT! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, BUDDY?
THE NURSES ARE MESSING WITH MY HEAD AGAIN! MONROE, TAKE THIS DAMN THING!
HELLO?
SO, C'MON AND TELL US YOUR NAME!
UM, "MONROE"?
WELL, MONROE, YOU JUST WON A TWO WEEK CRUISE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ABOARD THE BEAUTIFUL GS FLOTSAM!
I DON'T THINK IT'S THE V.A., GRAMPS.
WHAT STATION MAKES AAAALLL YOUR FANTASIES COME TRUE?
THE SPICE CHANNEL?
HA! NO, K-RUD! THE VOICE OF SOFT ROCK!
NO, IT DOESN'T!
IT DOES IF YOU WANT THE PRIZE, KID.

School's out and summer beckons! What adventures await our young friend? Who knows? But you'd better batten down the hatches... and pack some Dramamine! It's...

Monroe and... THE HIGH SEAS PART ONE

ARTIST: BILL WRAY

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

MONROE

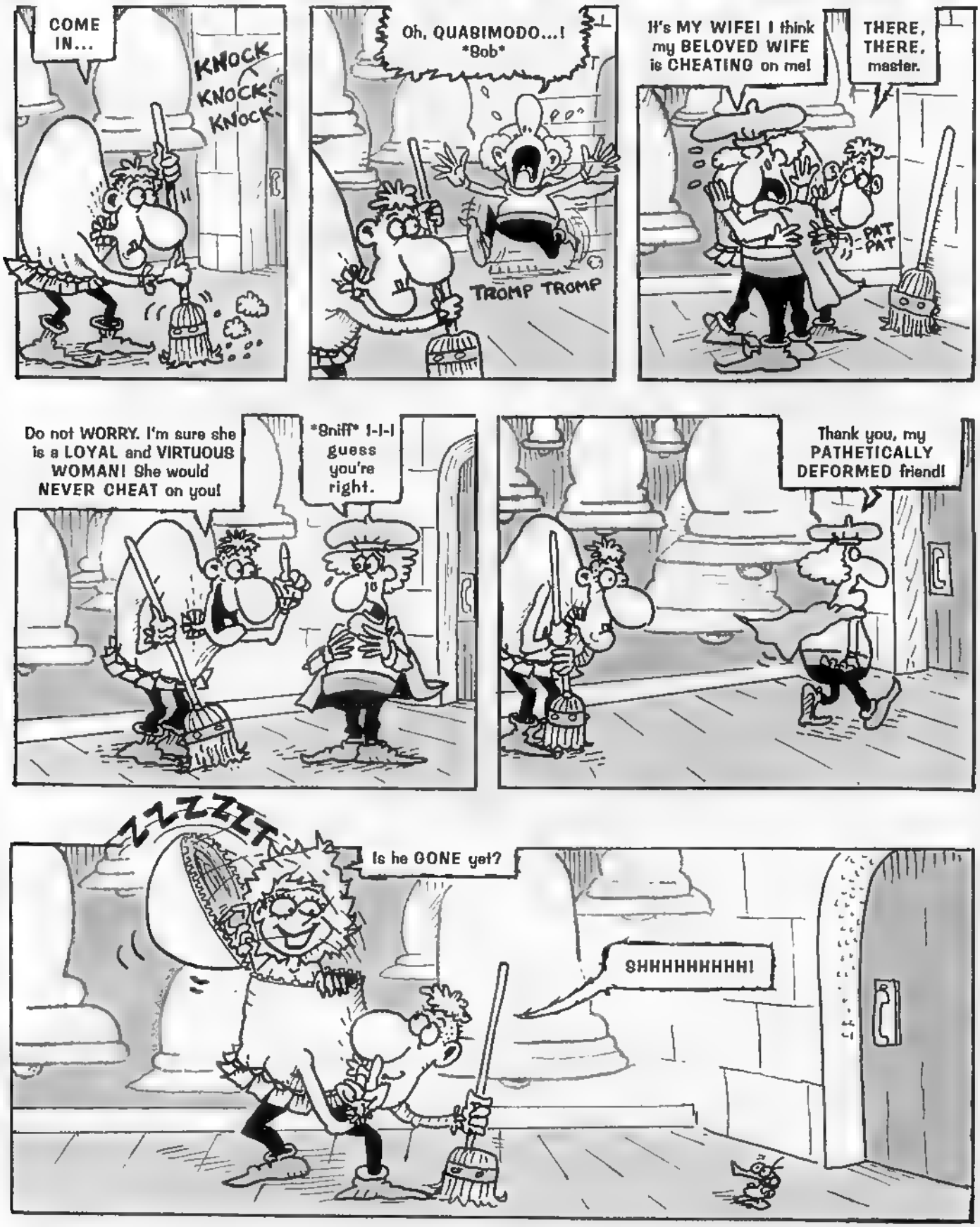
ONE WEEK LATER...
JUST THINK, GRANDPA, IF YOUR BRITTLE FINGERS DIDN'T SHAKE SO MUCH, YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER MIS-DIALED THAT NUMBER!
YEAH, DAD. YOUR ARTHRITIS IS A REAL BLESSING!
JUST CALL ME OLD "TALON HANDS"! YOU KNOW, I CAN GUT A FISH LIKE A FALCON WITH ONE OF THESE!
LET'S GET A MOVE ON! THEY'VE GOT COMPLIMENTARY CHAMPAGNE!
WELCOME ABOARD! I'M PURSER COCKSWAIN!
...AND THIS IS THE SEWAGE HOLDER! A SHIP THIS SIZE CAN GENERATE ENOUGH HUMAN WASTE TO LEAVE A STREAK FIVE MILES WIDE! NOW THAT WOULD NEED --
--HA! A LOT OF TOILET PAPER, RIGHT FOLKS?
AWESOME! LET'S DUMP IT!
SORRY, SON, WE JUST EMPTIED IT OFF THE COAST OF PUERTO RICO.
WHAT A RIP! I'M OUTTA HERE!
I'M BORED ALREADY, GRAMPS! WHEN DOES THE FUN START?
HIYA.
WHOA! I MEAN... UH, HELLO.
I'M ASHLEY. I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANYBODY ELSE ON THIS BOAT UNDER, LIKE, A HUNDRED YEARS OLD!
YEAH. I'M NOT A HUNDRED... YET.
HA! YOU'RE FUNNY!
I AM?
YEAH, IN A RETARDED SORT OF WAY. C'MON...

THEY GOT PLENTY OF LIMES ABOARD? I DON'T WANT TO GET TOUCHED WITH THE SCURVY AGAIN!
I'M GOING TO GO HAVE ONE OF MY MADCAP ADVENTURES NOW!
RIGHT, RIGHT. HAVE FUN.
SLURP!
HAPPY HOUR 24 HOUR
SHALL I TAKE YOU TO YOUR STATE-ROOM, MA'AM?
SLOW DOWN, CAPPY. I AIN'T FEELIN' THE BOOZE YET.
WELL, I'M HEADIN' TO THE ELDERLY DECK FOR SOME SHUFFLEBOARD! WANNA COME ALONG?
YEAH, RIGHT. WOO-HOO. PAR-TAY.
SUIT YERSELF, I'M SURE THERE'S A FINE-LOOKIN LADY UP THERE WHO NEEDS A LESSON IN HOW TO PUSH THE OL' STICK AROUND!
WAIT, GRAMPS! YOU FORGOT YOUR PANTS AGAIN!
DAMN!
ISN'T THIS BOAT SWEET?
SURE. IF YOU'RE A GROWN-UP AND GET TO DRINK AND GAMBLE.
ER, I MEAN, DOESN'T THIS BOAT SUCK?
LET'S PLAY "TITANIC"!
HOW DO YOU PLAY?
BARBER
YOU'RE HOT LEO AND I'M KATE WINSLET. I TRY TO KILL MYSELF AND YOU SAVE ME, AND THEN YOU DRAW ME NAKED.
YESSS! I MEAN, I'LL BE HOT LEO.

MONTAGE

I'LL GO OVER THE RAIL AND YOU GRAB MY HAND!
'KAY.
SS FOATSTAM
"ALAS! I DON'T WANT TO LIVE ANY-MORE..."
HEY, JUNIOR! THERE'S A DESSERT BUFFET UP ON THE GLUTTONY DECK!
COOL!
OMYGOD! LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO, GRANDPA!
EEEEEEEEEEE
DON'T GO PINNIN' IT ON ME! YOU'RE GONNA FRY FOR THIS ONE!
SOON
WE PUMPED A LOT OF SEAWATER OUT OF THOSE LUNGS, YOUNG LADY.
T-TH-
COUGH!
THANKS!
YOU GO KISS THAT GIRL'S ASS AND HOPE HER PARENTS DON'T FILE A LAWSUIT!
GEE, ASHLEY, I SURE AM SORRY.
STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE NO HOT LEO! YOU SUCK!
THAT NIGHT
FIRST VOYAGE T
"MONKEY ISLAND", SAILOR? Y'KNOW, THERE'S A TREASURE TO BE HAD IF YOU VISIT THE TIKI MONKEY!
THE TIKI MONKEY, SIR?
YOU'LL BE SMILING LIKE A DRUNKEN SEA TURTLE WHEN YOU SEE THAT SWEET ISLAND TREASURE! THE TIKI MONKEY WILL MAKE ALL YOUR FANTASIES COME TRUE!
BUT IT'S AN OLD SAILOR'S SECRET, SO KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!
AYE-AYE, SIR!
ALL MY FANTASIES, HUH?
MONKEY ISLAND, HERE I COME!
Bill Wray
TO BE CONTINUED!

TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE QUASI RIDER


COME IN...
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
Oh, QUASIMODO...! *Sob*
TROMP TROMP
It's MY WIFE! I think my BELOVED WIFE is CHEATING on me!
THERE, THERE, master.
PAT PAT
Do not WORRY. I'm sure she is a LOYAL and VIRTUOUS WOMAN! She would NEVER CHEAT on you!
Sniff I-I-I guess you're right.
Thank you, my PATHETICALLY DEFORMED friend!
ZZZZZT
Is he GONE yet?
SHHHHHHHHH!

ARTIST: DUCK EDWING WRITER: ARIE KAPLAN

Hi! I'm Burt Johnson.
Our annual garage sale has become so huge, we're sending out this flier, rather than having neighbors tramp through our begonias. Hope you enjoy the catalog, and remember: All merchandise is sold AS-IS, and cannot be returned to a Johnson family member during the annual Maple Avenue Swap-n-Shop!

JOHNSON FAMILY GARAGE SALE-O-RAMA!

100s of Items at Deep, Deep Discounts!

Wrenches
A little rusty, and in an obsolete system of measurement, but still useful as weights or weapons.

#2449-A..... $1 each

National Geographic Magazines
Several hundred copies available. Free to anyone who can cancel our subscription.

#N123..... FREE

Lawnmower
That's not for sale.

Need to write? Try our...

Pencils
Assorted lengths and colors, many bearing logo of "Werthan Industries" where Mrs. Johnson

$1 handful

$1.50 handful

Need to Contain Things?

JARS, JARS, JARS!
$50¢ each

#2223G.....

Pens
We found dozens of them in our kitchen junk drawer, many bearing the logo of "Werthan Industries." Some will still write if you're willing to take a few seconds to scribble endless circles on a scrap pad

#3634..... 25¢

Pot-Holders
From Timmy's week at camp. Handmade from loops of unknown fiber. Many colors.

#5164..... 3 for $1

God's Eye
A real treasure from Timmy's week at camp. Not the one true God's actual eye, but an amazing replica!

#333-B..... $5

Oscillating Fan
We use that in the summer. Not for sale.

Racing Canoe
Sorry, that's not for sale.

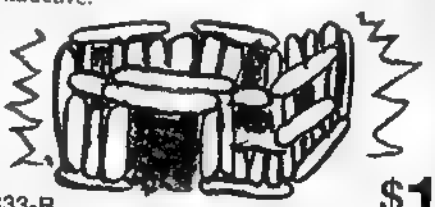
Remote Control Airplane
Fully operational, but too small to lift kitten. Slight damage. Some fur

#6748..... $3

ARTIST: LESLIE STERNBERGH
WRITER: DANNO SULLIVAN

Popsicle Stick Fort

Timmy's craft project can be your objet d'art! Sticks are genuine Norway pine. No expense was spared on glue, either! Ours is made through special arrangement with the world-famous glue company, Elmer's, whereby they ship glue to a local store and we go buy it. Attractive!



#333-B..... $1

Game Creator Kit

Do you enjoy popular games like Monopoly, Stratego and Trivial Pursuit? Well, now you can invent an all NEW game just by using pieces from all the other ones. (Pieces also make fun chew toys for a baby or pet!) Kit includes pieces from at least six games. Instructions not included.

#7330-C..... 50¢ each

Habitrail

Timmy's loss is your gain! Hamster Bart lived three happy days in this cage, and now your hamster or gerbil can do the same. The cage has been completely soaked in Pine-Sol to remove all traces of little Bart's pleurisy.

#7330-C.....Make Offer

Things The Baby Vomited On

Big box! Choice!

#8322..... $1 each

Handyman Special! Christmas Lights

Oh, the fun of keeping the whole [illegible] going. Can you find it? Fun challenge! Provides festive lighting for anyone, not just Christians! (We think.)

#D8347..... $2

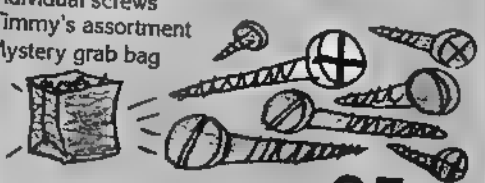
Lumber

That's not for sale. I'm working on a new shed.

Assorted Screws

Boy, can these come in handy! Mister says keep 'em, but missus says sell 'em, so we gotta sell 'em!

- Individual screws
- Timmy's assortment
- Mystery grab bag



#AA22, #AA224, #AA225..... 25¢ each

Last Year's Calendars

...at this year's price! Use our exclusive "pencil" (see left) to scratch out last year's dates and write in this year's. Talk about a time saver!

- John Elway
- Kittens Wearing Headbands
- Delcor Drugstore

#8984-3B
#8984-3C
#8984-3D..... $4 each

Prescription Drugs

Many vials of the whole family's partially-used and expired pharmaceuticals. Take when you need one or just for fun, but don't tell anyone where you got them!

#B834-B..... $3 each

Can Opener

Frayed electrical c[illegible] Motor's a little slo[illegible] works! Lid catchin[illegible] used in Timmy's s[illegible] project missing. Sor[illegible] cream corn on side.

#8322.....

Hi! I'm Timmy Johnson.
This year I'm old enough to answer the phone, so call NOW!
1-555-JOHNSON-FAMILY

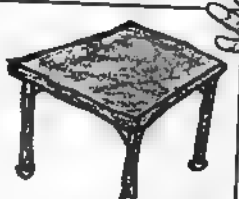
MAD Magazine Back Issues

Timmy's collection of MAD magazines. Frankly, not all that funny. Will swap for anything by Erma Bombeck.

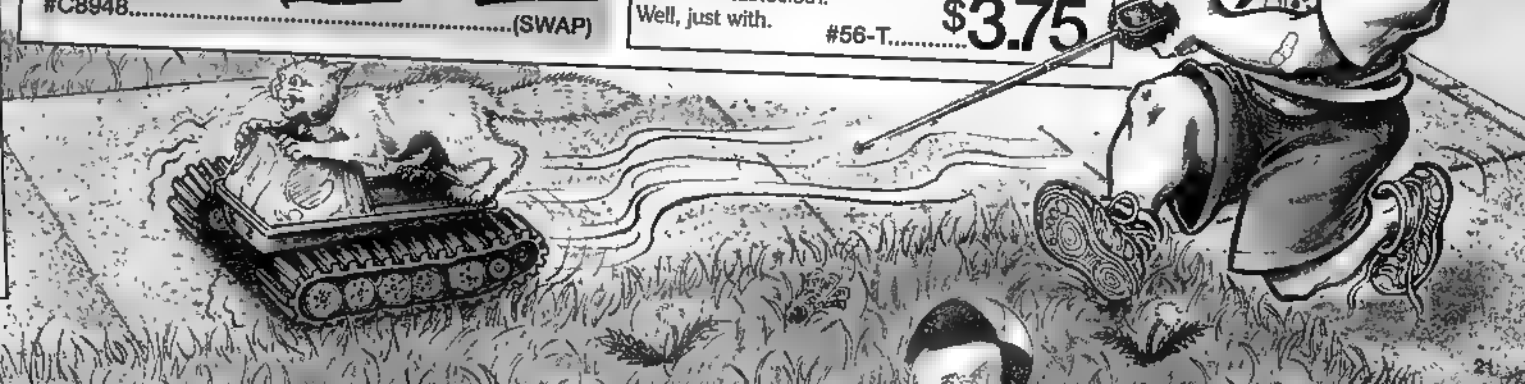
#C8948.....(SWAP)

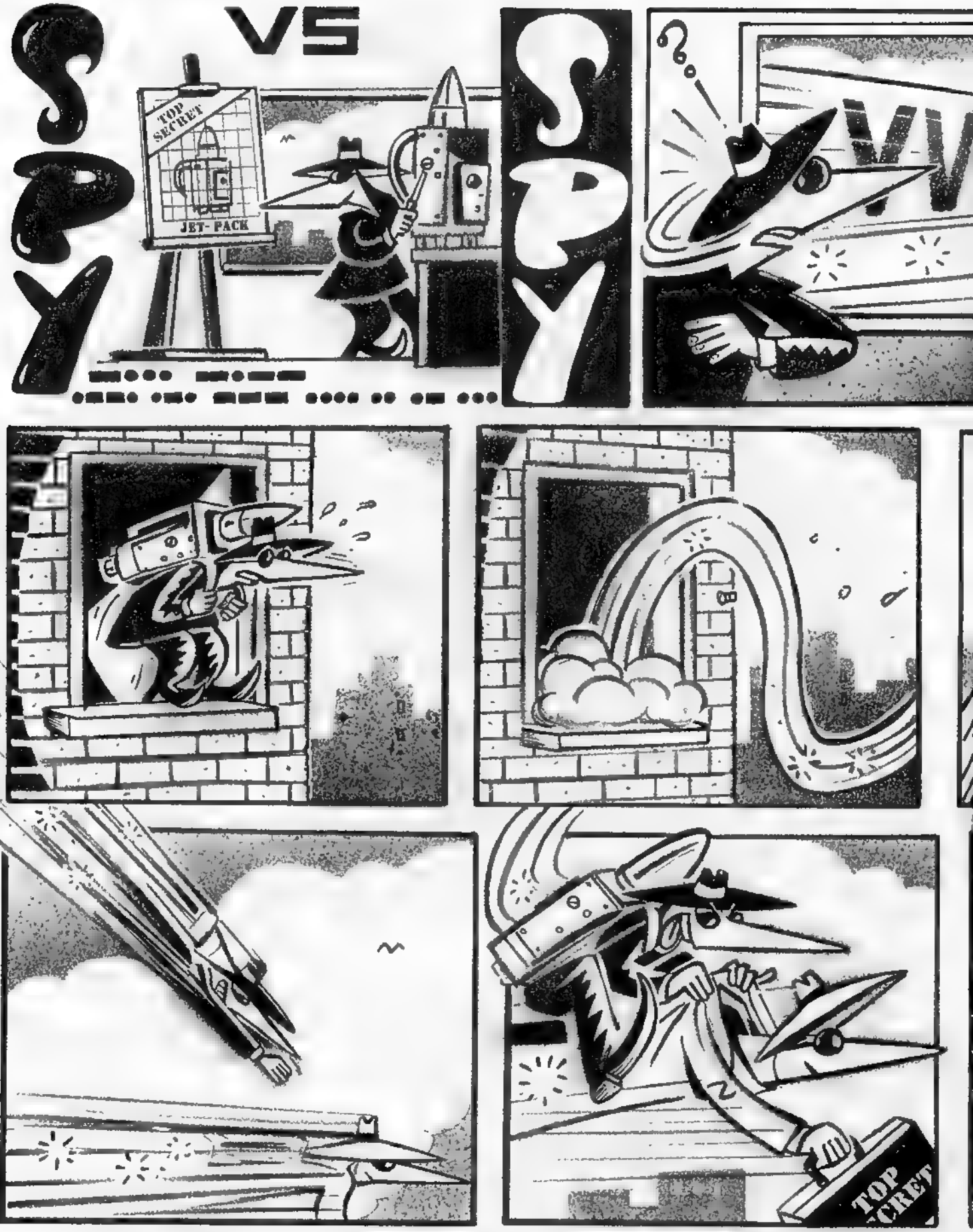
Card Table

To paraphrase George Orwell, "Three legs good!" You get three-fourths of a table at only one-tenth the price. Looks great with or without a tablecloth. Well, just with.



#56-T..... $3.75





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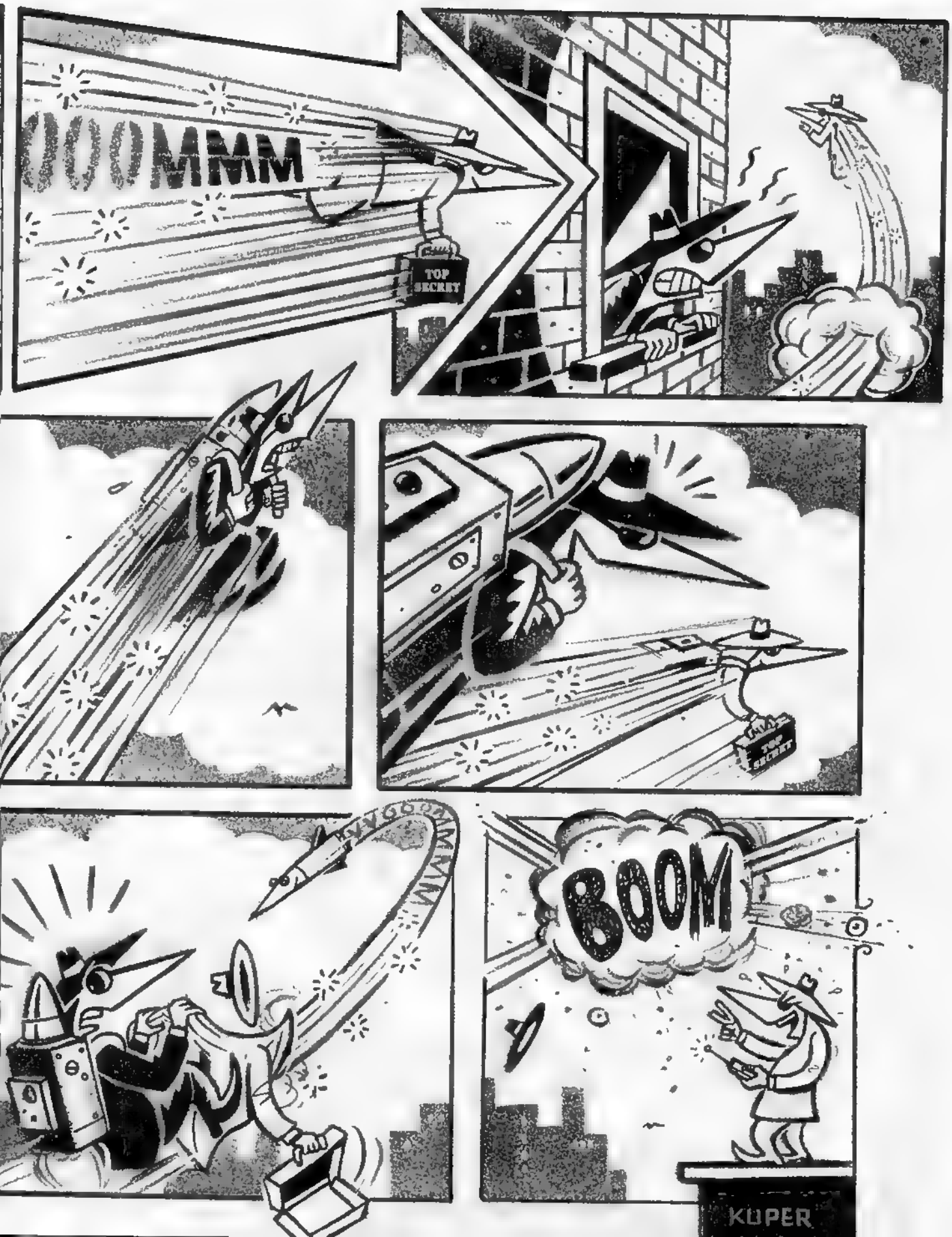
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SLEUTH IN ADVERTISING DEPT.

The explosion of Home Depot stores across the country has made competition a thing of the past, driving mom and pop retail stores out of business faster than a guy selling John Rocker t-shirts in Queens! That's why their recent ad campaign showing how much they have helped small business was about as believable as a commitment to quality from Adam Sandler! Here's...

A MORE FACTUAL VERSION OF THAT DECEPTIVE HOME DEPOT AD

WE CAME INTO HER TOWN.

Thanks for making my small business impossible!

Dear Home Repo:

It all started innocently enough. A few months ago, I owned a thriving decorative ceramic tile business. Everything was going okay until you opened up down the road and pretty soon, things got out of control.

Here's what I mean...

After watching my business dry up in a matter of weeks, I decided that I couldn't possibly compete with such a bloated, faceless corporation. My bank account was getting smaller and smaller, so finally I came to you and bought my own hammer, nails and plywood — I'd already sold off all of mine in my "Going Out of Business" sale. Once I'd invested in that, I went back to my store and thought, "Well, I'd better board the place up!"

So I did. Thanks to Home Repo, I've gone from successful entrepreneur to full-time welfare recipient. Lighting fixtures and linoleum, sure, but who knew you guys were into destroying lives too? So thanks for helping me make the move into the local YWCA. They've given me my very own cot and towel and a really shiny Members Only jacket from the Lost and Found Thanks Home Repo — none of this would have been possible without you.

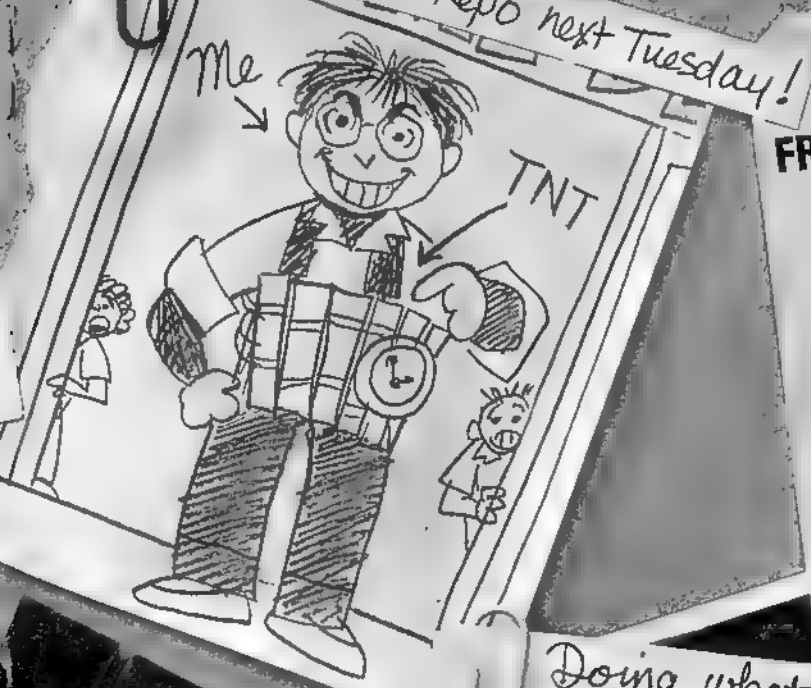
Sincerely,

Debbie Nohaus

Debbie Nohaus

THEN WE TOOK HER BUSINESS.

Me at Home Repo next Tuesday!



FREE "HOW-TO" CLINICS

DUMPSTER DINING:
Get the choice morsels ahead of those pesky racoons!
Every Monday at 7 pm

SHAVING YOUR LEGS with BROKEN GLASS
Every Tuesday at 8 pm

ASKING STRANGERS for a PLACE to STAY
Every Wednesday at 8 pm

HOW to MAKE SHOES OUT of DUCT TAPE and TRASH
Every Thursday at 7 pm

Doing what I have to do

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THE HOME REPO

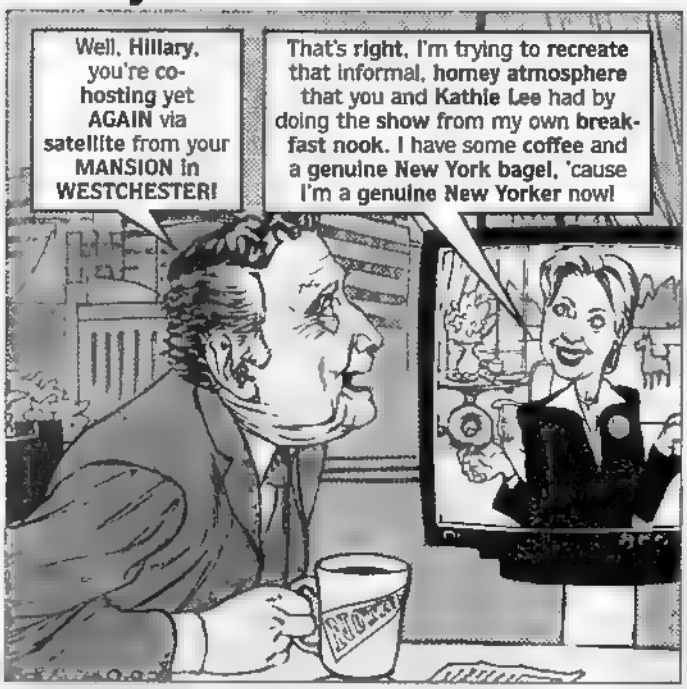
OPPONENT'S NAME Debbie's Ceramic Tile Supply
LOCATION Red Bank, NJ PROJECT Eradicate
EMPLOYEE NAME Joe Jeffandgeorge
DATE 3/3/00 VICTORY NO 973

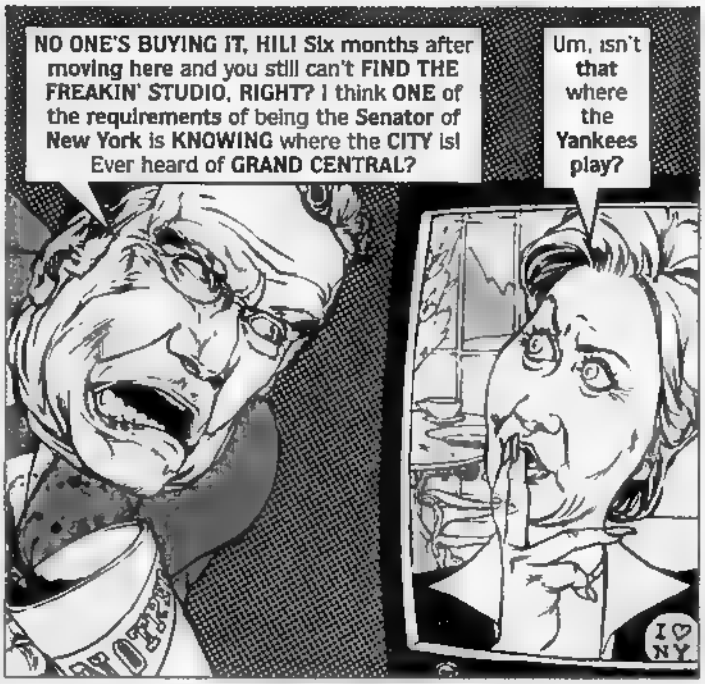
PHOTOGRAPHER: IRVING SCHILD WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT

Kathie Lee Gifford shocked the world this spring by announcing she was abandoning her cushy job as co-host of *Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee!* And while we're sure America's favorite cruise ship shill will get along fine on her sweatshop residuals, we're worried about our buddy Rege! Who's he going to share that incisive, intellectual banter with each morning? Who's he going to cover with spittle as he goes off on one of his tirades about how he and his wife, Joy, got stuck in midtown traffic? Which lucky woman is going to take the chair next to him? We have no idea! But we do know a lot of wannabes who won't make the cut! Here's...

KATHIE LEE

Hillary Rodham Clinton


Well, Hillary, you're co-hosting yet AGAIN via satellite from your MANSION in WESTCHESTER!
That's right, I'm trying to recreate that informal, homey atmosphere that you and Kathie Lee had by doing the show from my own breakfast nook. I have some coffee and a genuine New York bagel, 'cause I'm a genuine New Yorker now!


NO ONE'S BUYING IT, HIL! Six months after moving here and you still can't FIND THE FREAKIN' STUDIO, RIGHT? I think ONE of the requirements of being the Senator of New York is KNOWING where the CITY is! Ever heard of GRAND CENTRAL?
Um, isn't that where the Yankees play?
I ♥ NY

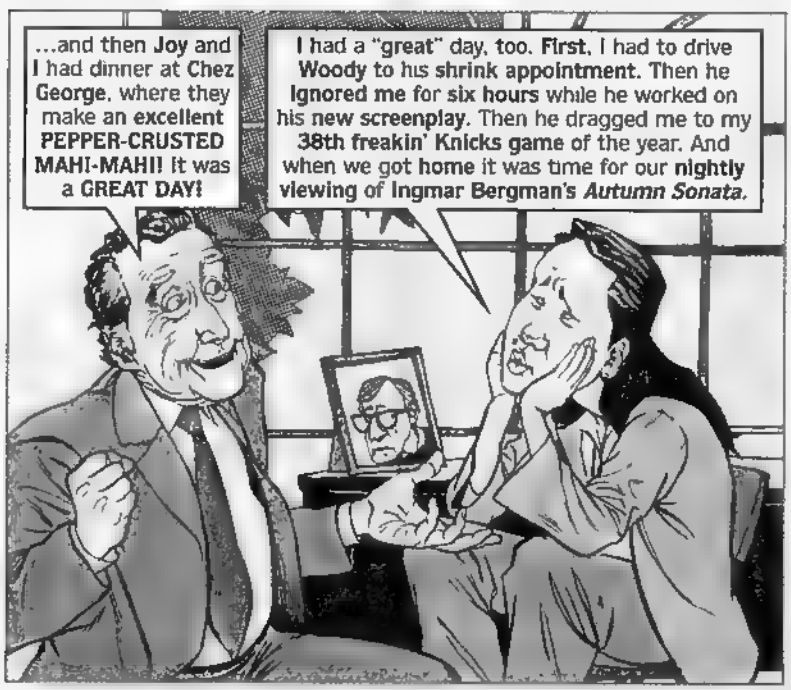
Dr. Laura Schlessinger

I have to tell you, last night I had one of the BEST MEALS of MY LIFE! Joy and I went to Chez Canard where they make –
Wait a minute! Chez Canard? Isn't that in Greenwich Village?
Yes, right there on the corner of GREENWICH and GANSEVOORT!
The Village is crawling with gays!
Um, Joy and I went there for the SALMON!

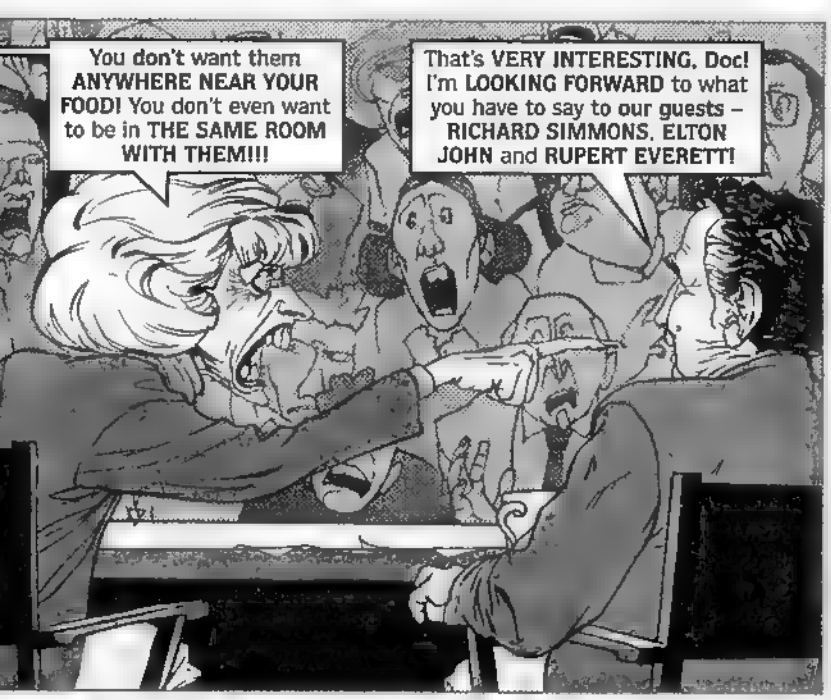
ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

REPLACEMENTS WE'LL NEVER SEE

Soon-Yi Allen

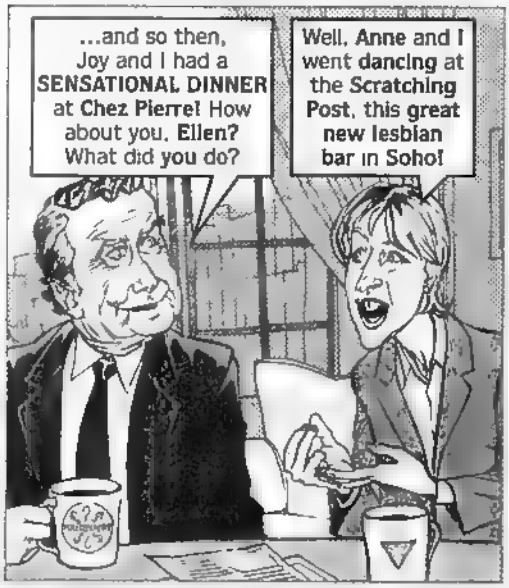

...and then Joy and I had dinner at Chez George, where they make an excellent PEPPER-CRUSTED MAHI-MAHI! It was a GREAT DAY!
I had a "great" day, too. First, I had to drive Woody to his shrink appointment. Then he ignored me for six hours while he worked on his new screenplay. Then he dragged me to my 38th freakin' Knicks game of the year. And when we got home it was time for our nightly viewing of Ingmar Bergman's *Autumn Sonata*.

So that's what life is like living with a BRILLIANT FILMMAKER!
Yeah, it's so great I wish Mia would adopt me again!
Tell me, why doesn't your husband MAKE MOVIES like *ANNIE HALL* anymore?


You don't want them ANYWHERE NEAR YOUR FOOD! You don't even want to be in THE SAME ROOM WITH THEM!!!
That's VERY INTERESTING, Doc! I'm LOOKING FORWARD to what you have to say to our guests – RICHARD SIMMONS, ELTON JOHN and RUPERT EVERETT!

WRITERS: JOE RAIOLA AND DAVID SHAYNE

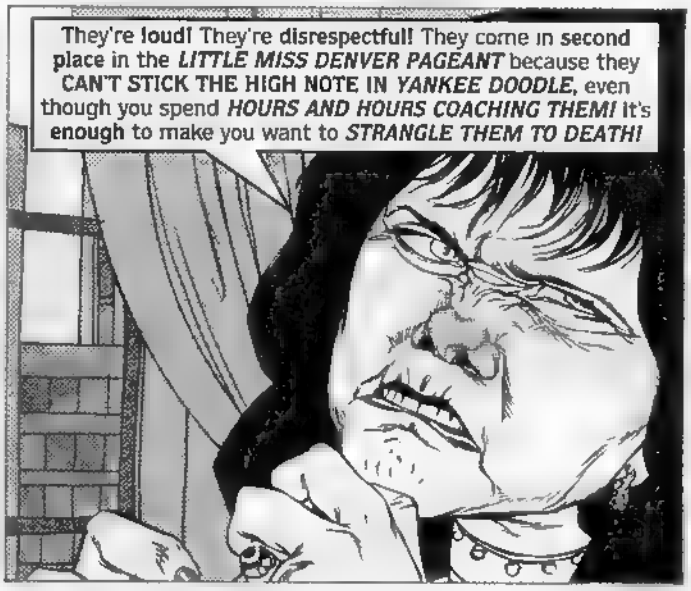
Ellen DeGeneres


...and so then, Joy and I had a SENSATIONAL DINNER at Chez Pierre! How about you, Ellen? What did you do?
Well, Anne and I went dancing at the Scratching Post, this great new lesbian bar in Soho!

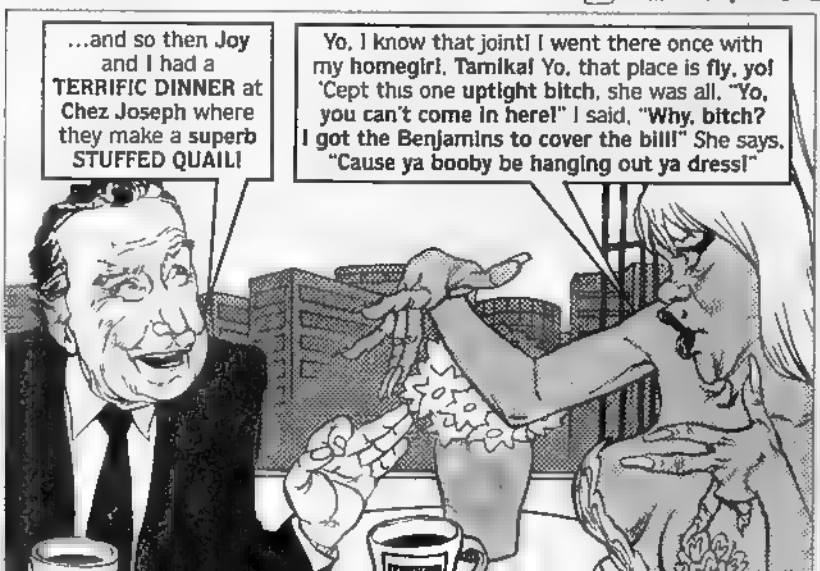
You know, Ellen, I think MAYBE our viewers in the Midwest MIGHT feel A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE hearing about your – um, ALTERNATE LIFESTYLE! This is FAMILY SHOW!
Okay, let's talk about family! My partner Anne and I are trying to get pregnant. David Crosby donated sperm to our friend, Melissa Etheridge, so we were going to ask him too. But now I'm thinking, if we're gonna go for an old guy, why not YOU?

Patsy Ramsey

You know, Patsy, when Kathie Lee used to co-host, she'd tell us stories about her kids RUNNING AROUND and DRIVING HER CRAZY!
Tell me about it! Kids today are totally out of control!


They're loud! They're disrespectful! They come in second place in the *LITTLE MISS DENVER PAGEANT* because they CAN'T STICK THE HIGH NOTE IN *YANKEE DOODLE*, even though you spend *HOURS AND HOURS COACHING THEM!* It's enough to make you want to *STRANGLE THEM TO DEATH!*

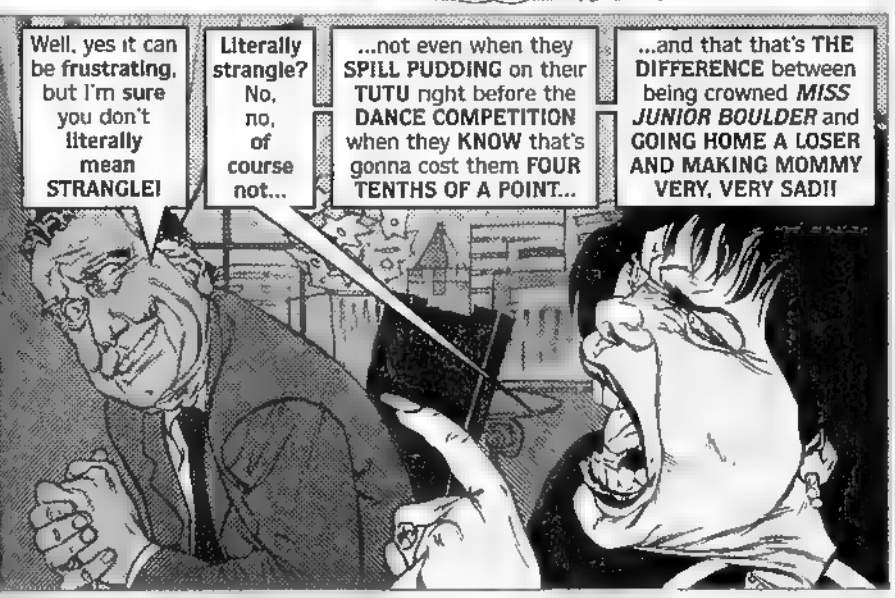
Li'l Kim

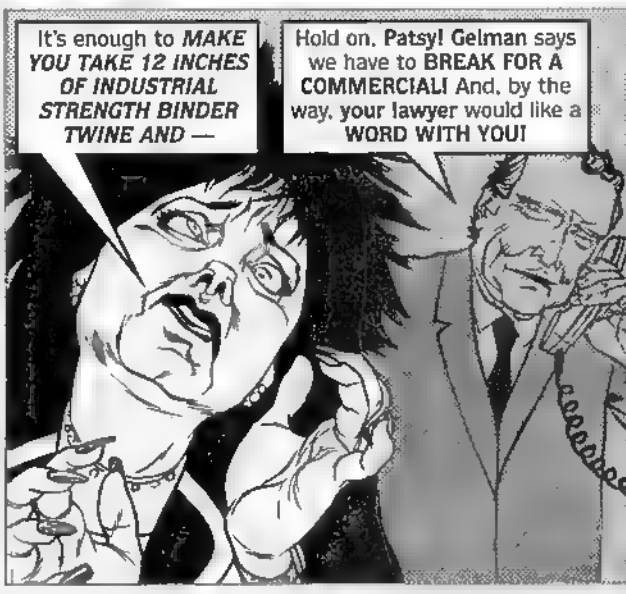

...and so then Joy and I had a TERRIFIC DINNER at Chez Joseph where they make a superb STUFFED QUAIL!
Yo, I know that joint! I went there once with my homegirl, Tamika! Yo, that place is fly, yo! 'Cept this one uptight bitch, she was all, "Yo, you can't come in here!" I said, "Why, bitch? I got the Benjamins to cover the bill!" She says, "Cause ya booby be hanging out ya dress!"

You mean like THE WAY IT IS NOW!
Naw, homie! This is my conservative gear!
You know, it's hard to believe that just LAST YEAR people were making a BIG STINK about Kathie Lee GOING BRALESS!

Fiona Apple

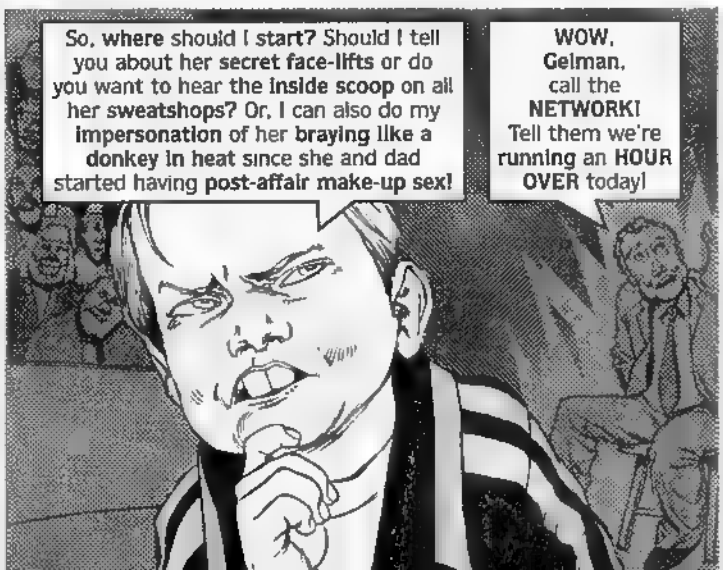
Whaddaya think, audience? I have a specimen cup right here!
Gelman, quick! Get me a copy of *Swank!*
WOOOOOO! WOOOOO!
...and so then Joy and I had a TERRIFIC DINNER at Chez George! Have you ever been there, Fiona?
Oh yeah, it was awful! Okay, okay, listen, I was there with my friend Astra? And she, like, ordered chicken picatta. You know what chicken is, Rege? It's a bird, a living thing, like you and me. Only it's not living anymore, okay? Okay, 'cause it's like, chicken picatta, and it's DEAD! We have to, like, stop slaughtering innocent creatures because that's the same as slaughtering ourselves and – HEY, why did the red light on the camera go off? Are we still on the air?


Well, yes it can be frustrating, but I'm sure you don't literally mean STRANGLE!
Literally strangle? No, no, of course not...
...not even when they SPILL PUDDING on their TUTU right before the DANCE COMPETITION when they KNOW that's gonna cost them FOUR TENTHS OF A POINT...
...and that that's THE DIFFERENCE between being crowned *MISS JUNIOR BOULDER* and GOING HOME A LOSER AND MAKING MOMMY VERY, VERY SAD!!


It's enough to *MAKE YOU TAKE 12 INCHES OF INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH BINDER TWINE AND —*
Hold on, Patsy! Gelman says we have to BREAK FOR A COMMERCIAL! And, by the way, your lawyer would like a WORD WITH YOU!

Cody Gifford

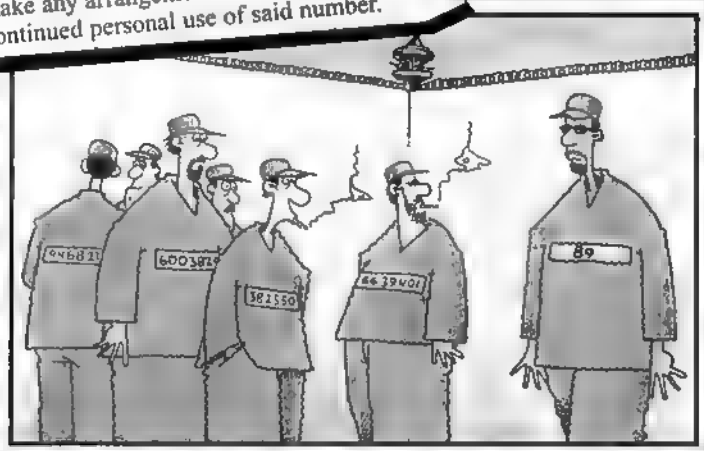
So, Cody, this is REALLY SOMETHING! My FIRST co-host was your MOTHER and NOW IT'S YOU!
Thanks, Rege! Now I can finally get back at her for telling all those humiliating stories about "wiping my little bum-bum" when she was toilet training me!


So, where should I start? Should I tell you about her secret face-lifts or do you want to hear the inside scoop on all her sweatshops? Or, I can also do my impersonation of her braying like a donkey in heat since she and dad started having post-affair make-up sex!
WOW, Gelman, call the NETWORK! Tell them we're running an HOUR OVER today!

Everyone knows that because of the twisted value system that permeates our society, vitally important people like teachers, firemen and cops are grossly underpaid, while dumb, egotistical professional athletes are grossly overpaid. But athletes are more than just overpaid. Hidden in their multi-million dollar contracts are often outrageous demands for perks and favors that management must grant, no matter how absurd. Here's just a smattering of some…

LITTLE-KNOWN CONTRACT CLAUSES

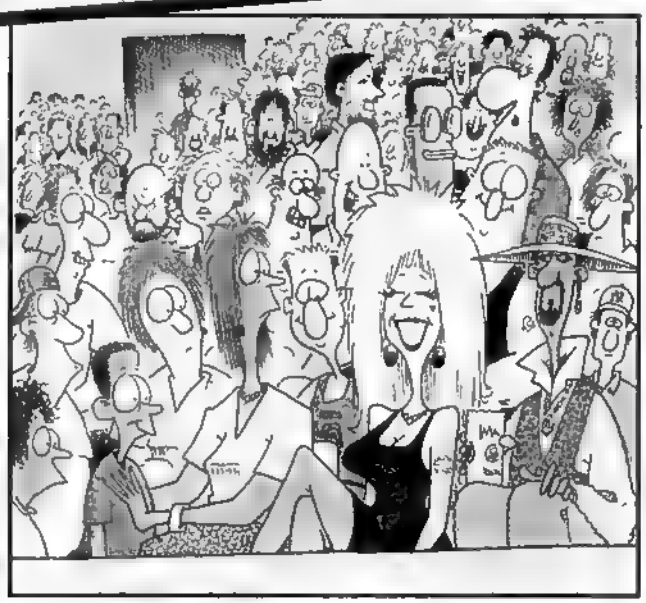
RAE CARRUTH
Sub-Section 5, Line 8: Upon his retirement, voluntary or otherwise, management agrees to immediately retire Mr. Carruth's number and make any arrangements necessary for his continued personal use of said number.



JOHN ROCKER
Addendum: It is understood that for all road trips, the team must hire an interpreter of Mr. Rocker's choosing to translate the rantings of foreign-speaking hecklers.

OMAI NO HA HA OYA WA JINSHU SABETSUSHA DA!
TU PADRE ES UN BASTARDO RACISTA!
¡IGUALMENTE!
TU ES UN SALAUD DU RACISTE!!!
OMAI NO CHI CHI OYA WA JINSHU SABETSUSHA DA!!
NO HASENPFEFFER

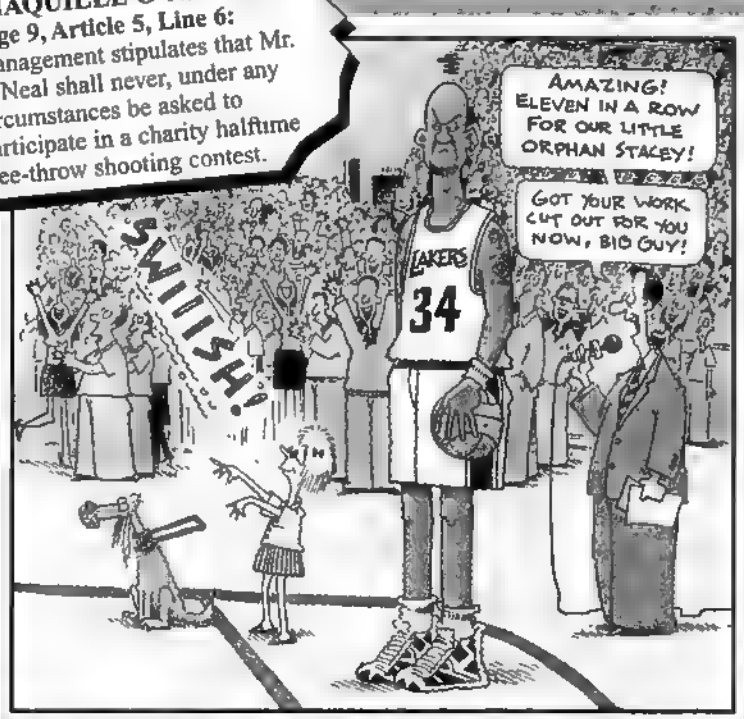
DARRYL STRAWBERRY
Article 1, Clause V: Management hereby agrees that the Player's Family Designated Seating Section will be located a least three sections away from the Player's Hookers and Dealers Designated Seating Section.



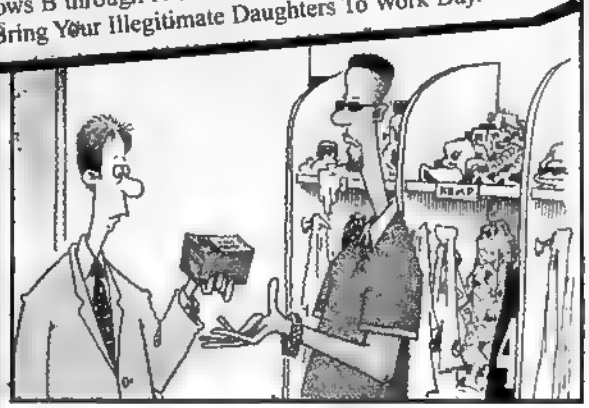
MUGGSY BOGUES
Page 6, Paragraph 6: In the event of any future World Championship MVP Awards, it is agreed that Disney World will temporarily waive the height requirements on all rides and attractions.

OF TODAY'S BIGGEST SPORTS STARS

SHAQUILLE O'NEAL
Page 9, Article 5, Line 6: Management stipulates that Mr. O'Neal shall never, under any circumstances be asked to participate in a charity halftime free-throw shooting contest.

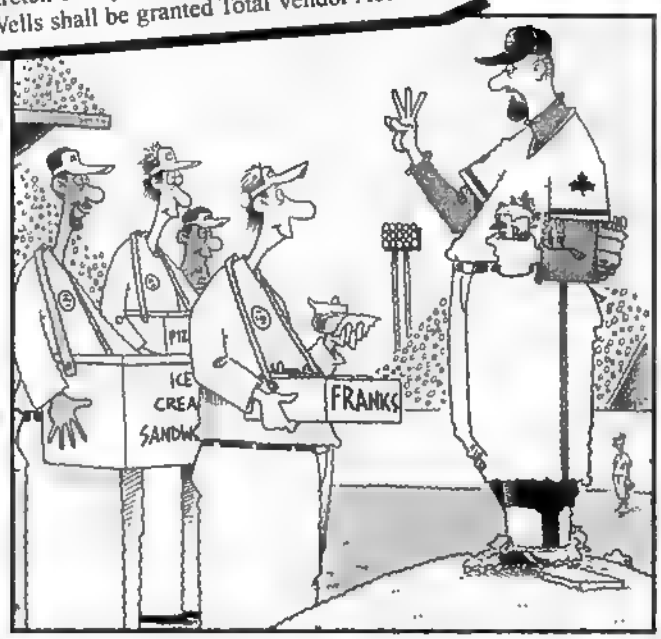


SHAWN KEMP
Article 5, Paragraph 12: The aforementioned team agrees to provide Mr. Kemp, for his exclusive use, Rows B through N of Section 102, for the NBA's annual "Bring Your Illegitimate Daughters To Work Day."

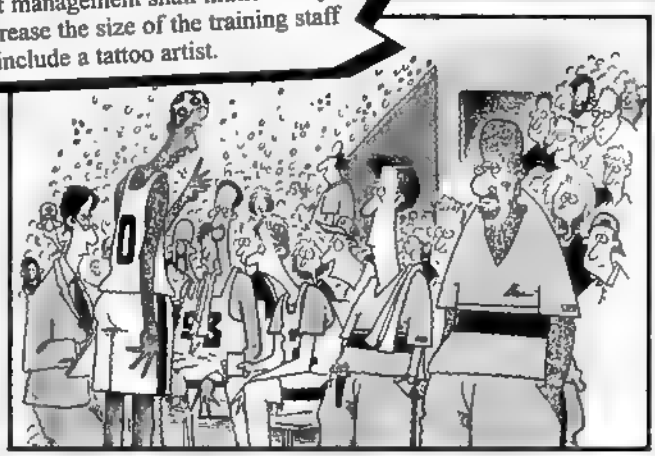


DEION SANDERS
Page 5, Paragraph 6: Following any trade, the acquiring team shall be responsible for the melting down and recasting of any and all misnumbered jewelry.

DAVID WELLS
Page 1, Paragraph 1: It is hereby established and agreed that during the seventh inning stretch of any game in which he pitches, Mr. Wells shall be granted Total Vendor Access.



DENNIS RODMAN
Addendum II, Page 1: It is agreed that management shall immediately increase the size of the training staff to include a tattoo artist.



ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

AND A CHILD SHALL PEEVE THEM DEPT.

There's a guy who's become a media sensation over the last year by doing little more than annoying and aggravating everyone he meets! No, we're not talking about Senator John McCain! It's MTV's Tom Green, and although he seemingly came out of nowhere, Canada's worst celebrity export since Celine Dion has been honing his irritating act his whole life, as you'll see in...

Tom Green - The

Age 2

Enters the "Terrible Twos — reaches maximum maturity level

Age 3

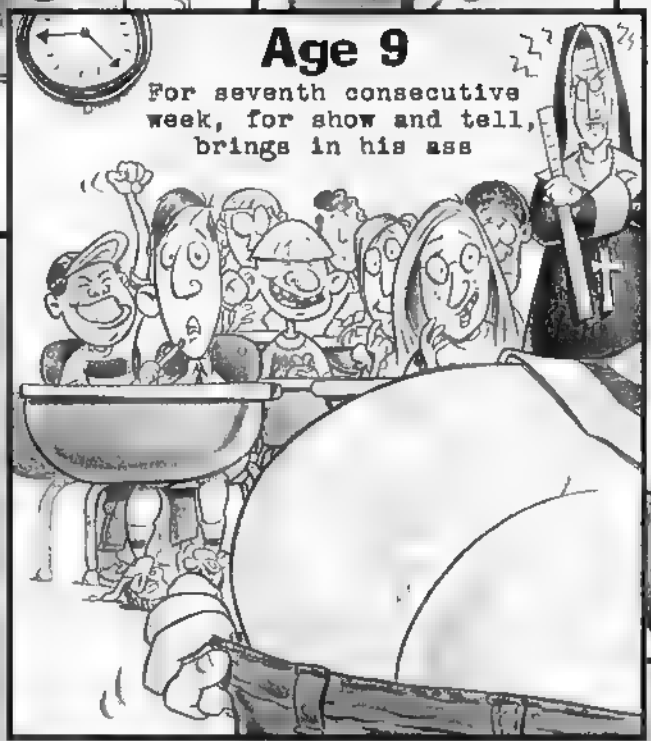
Shows up for first day of preschool, claims to have inner ear problem and spends the rest of the day purposely stumbling into other kids' block towers

Age 5

Gives self fake bruises using finger paints — has parents taken into custody

Age 9

For seventh consecutive week, for show and tell, brings in his ass



Age 11

Secretly tapes his parents having sex — screens it at PTA meeting

ARTIST: SAM SISCO WRITER: DAVE CROATTO

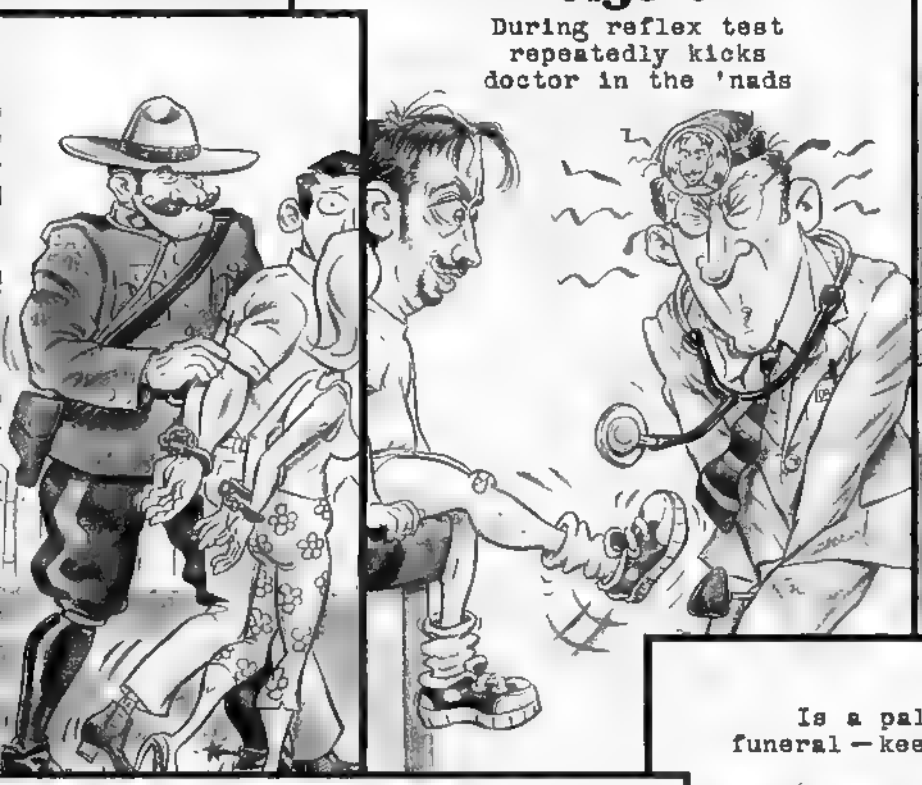
Obnoxious Early Years

Age 8

Gets thrown out of Little League game for constantly asking umpire how many balls he has

Age 6

During reflex test repeatedly kicks doctor in the 'nads

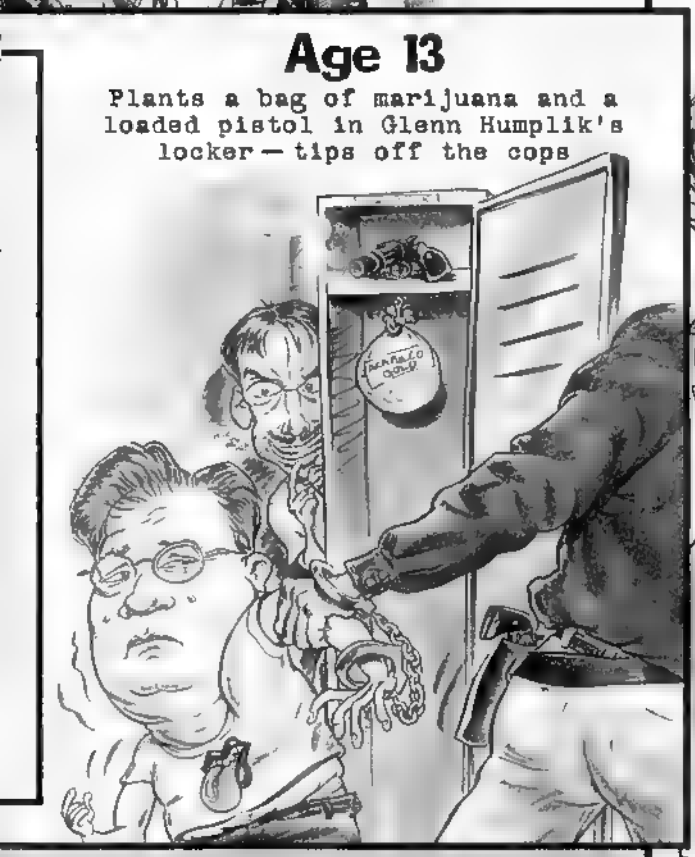


Age 15

Is a pallbearer at Grandfather's funeral — keeps faking a shoulder injury, dropping casket

Age 13

Plants a bag of marijuana and a loaded pistol in Glenn Humplik's locker — tips off the cops

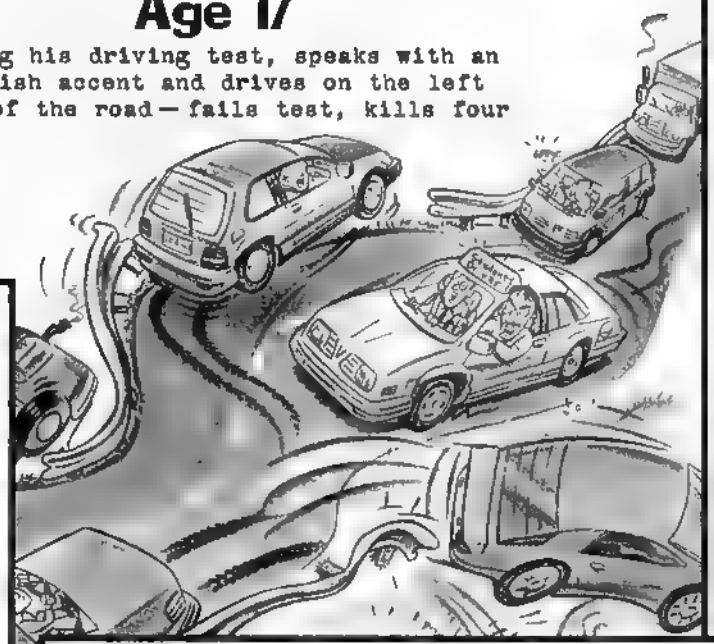


Tom Green

- The Obnoxious Early Years

Age 17

During his driving test, speaks with an English accent and drives on the left side of the road — fails test, kills four



Age 16

After sending his parents away for anniversary weekend, he rents out their bedroom to a group of 15 heroin addicts

Age 18

Replaces Glenn's college applications with envelopes filled with hardcore porn

Age 19

Visits grandmother in nursing home dressed as Angel of Death

With a dozen 24-hour news channels, internet updates, and of course, Jay Leno's nightly monologue, what possible reason could anyone have to buy a newspaper anymore? Right! Comic strips! Practically every paper in the world runs the funnies.... except the newspaper that's mostly interested in the *next* world And that's **L'Osservatore Romano**, the official Vatican newspaper! Why they won't print comics is perhaps the deepest religious mystery of them all. After all, only God can understand why Ziggy even exists! Until the editors repent, though, we'll be praying that one day there shalt come unto us…

THE COMICS PAGE OF L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

CATHY

SHOULD I WEAR THE BLACK HABIT WITH THE BLACK HOOD? OR MAYBE THE BLACK HOOD WITH THE BLACK HABIT?
WAIT! WHAT ABOUT THE BLACK HABIT? OR THE BLACK HABIT? OR MAYBE THE BLACK HABIT? WHICH ONE? ACK!!
AH, WHO AM I KIDDING? FASHION ANXIETY JUST ISN'T AS MUCH FUN SINCE I TOOK MY HOLY VOWS!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

NO WONDER THEIR SOLDIERS FOUGHT SO HARD. JUST LOOK AT THIS ART!
IT'S EXQUISITE. I CAN FEEL THE POWER OF THE COLORS, THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE IMAGERY. IT'S A SUPREME EXAMPLE OF HUMANITY.
OK, BOYS, BURN IT!

SUPERMAN

MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS A BANK ALARM ACROSS TOWN. THIS IS A JOB FOR ... SUPERMAN!
JEEPERS! I WONDER WHY MISTER KENT JUMPED UP AND RAN INTO THAT CONFESSIONAL?
FATHER, CAN YOU HURRY? I GOTTA GET CHANGED!
PATIENCE, MY SON, TELL ME MORE OF THESE IMPURE THOUGHTS YOU'VE HAD ABOUT LOIS LANE.

ARTIST: GARY HALLGREN WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

THE COMICS PAGE OF L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

BLONDIE

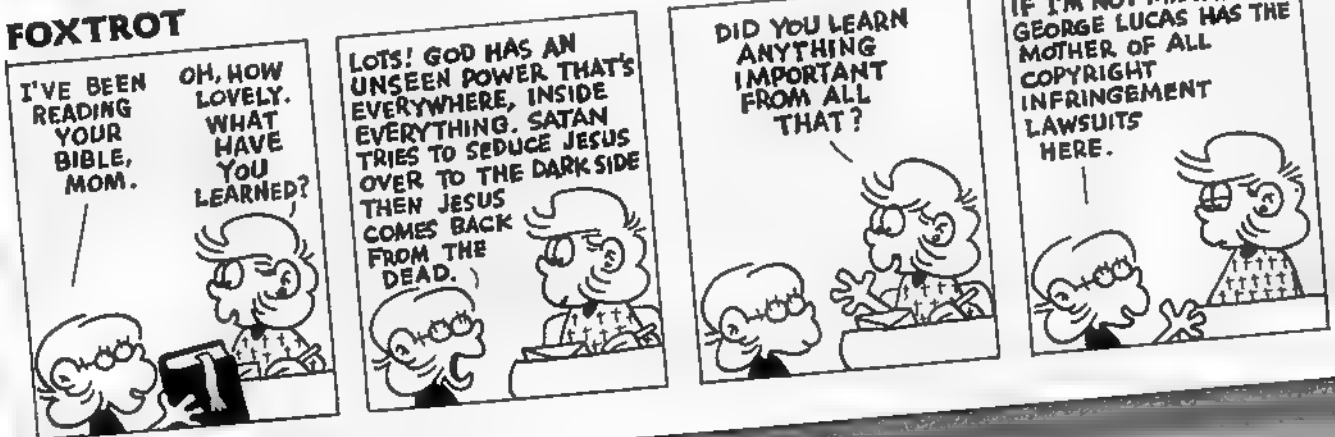
BUMSTEAD! YOU BUNGLED THE MONSIGNOR'S VESTMENT CONTRACT!
POW
THE LORD HAS TAUGHT ME TO BE ALWAYS SLOW TO ANGER. A KIND WORD TURNETH ASIDE WRATH. AND SO, IN THE FACE OF YOUR UNCHARITABLE ACT, I SHALL TURN THE OTHER CHEEK.
GOOD IDEA! I THINK I'LL KICK THAT CHEEK TOO!
PAF

BEETLE BAILEY

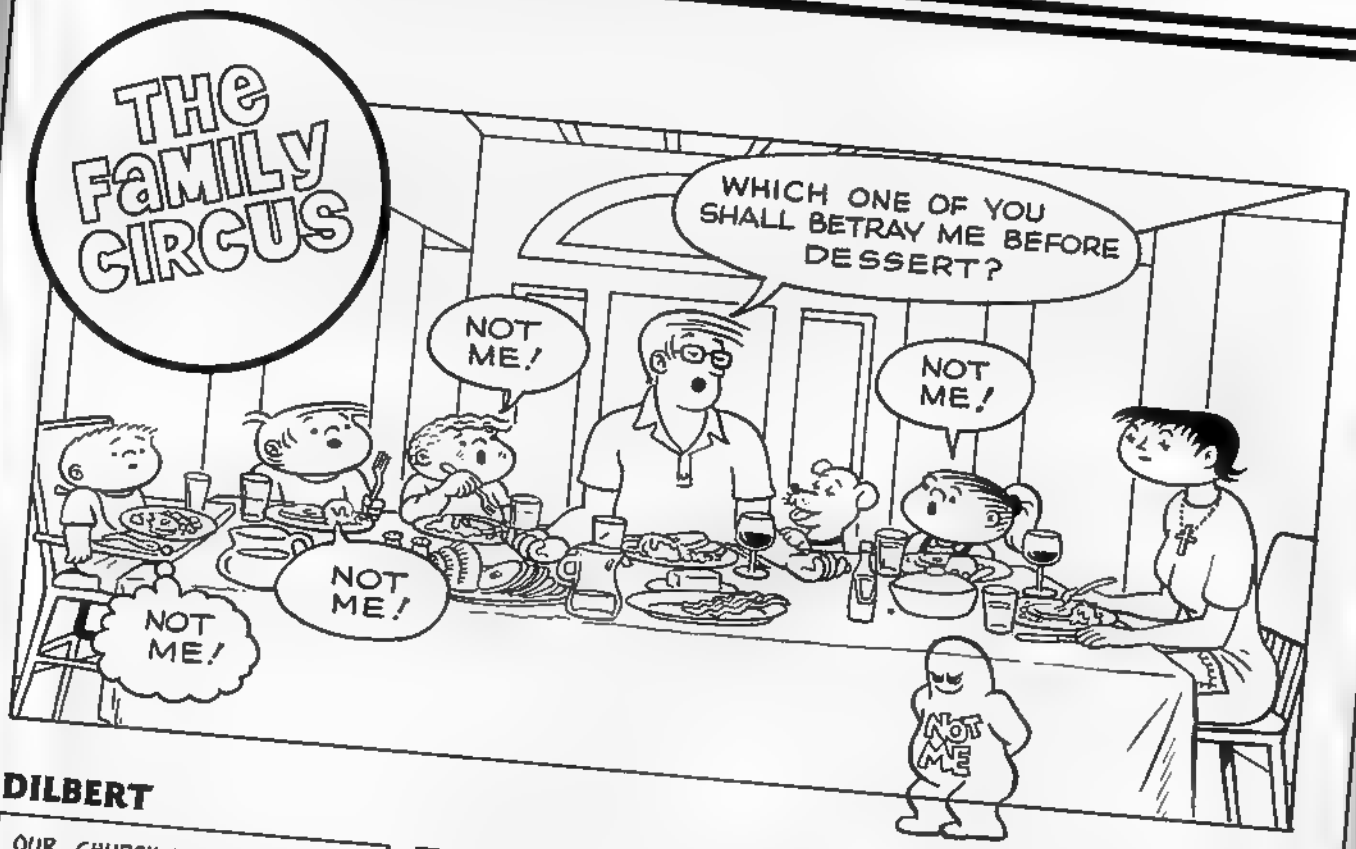
REX MORGAN, M.D.

GROAN! DR. MORGAN, I WAS JUST HIT BY A CITY BUS!
I WILL PRAY FOR YOU, MY BROTHER.
DR. MORGAN, THE VICTIMS OF THAT GAS MAIN EXPLOSION ARE HERE!
QUICK, NURSE, PASS OUT THESE HYMNALS!
DR. MORGAN, HOW CAN YOU IGNORE THESE PEOPLE'S SUFFERING WHILE PRACTICING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE?
IT'S A LOT EASIER THAN DEALING WITH THOSE DAMN HMO'S!

FOXTROT


I'VE BEEN READING YOUR BIBLE, MOM.
OH, HOW LOVELY. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?
LOTS! GOD HAS AN UNSEEN POWER THAT'S EVERYWHERE, INSIDE EVERYTHING. SATAN TRIES TO SEDUCE JESUS OVER TO THE DARK SIDE THEN JESUS COMES BACK FROM THE DEAD.
DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING IMPORTANT FROM ALL THAT?
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, GEORGE LUCAS HAS THE MOTHER OF ALL COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT LAWSUITS HERE.

L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO



DILBERT

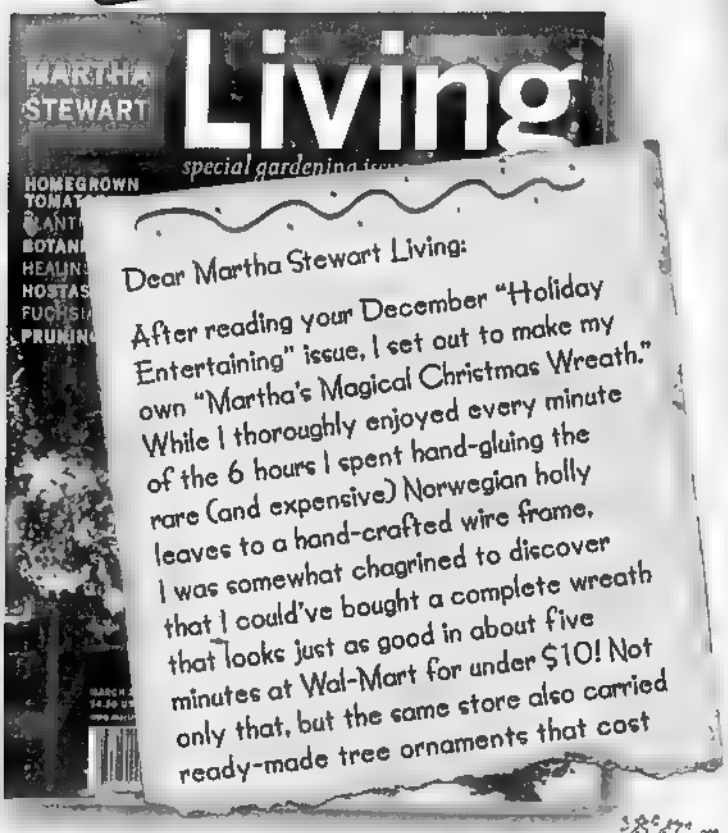
OUR CHURCH IS SUPPOSED TO OPEN THIS SUNDAY, DOGBERT, AND WE'RE UNHAPPY WITH YOUR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.
OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH.
SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED TO DISCUSS THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.
PSALMS 26:11 TELLS US "AS A DOG RETURNETH TO HIS VOMIT, SO A FOOL RETURNETH TO HIS FOLLY.
THEY'RE JUST CLEAR GLASS YOU SPRAY PAINTED AND SPLATTERED SOME ROOT BEER ON!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET ALL PARTICULAR ABOUT THE KIND OF STAINS, IT'S GOING TO COST EXTRA.

GARFIELD

WHERE IS EVERYBODY? I THOUGHT ODIE'S PARENTS WERE VISITING US THIS WEEKEND.
YEAH, BUT I STOLE THEIR @*#*! LUGGAGE AND SMASHED THEIR HEADS IN WITH IT. THEN I TOLD THE COPS ODIE DID IT.
WHAT A FUN SUNDAY.
DEAR HEAVENS, GARFIELD! YOU'VE JUST BROKEN FIVE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!
I COULD HAVE TIED MY OLD RECORD OF SIX, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN MUCH FOR ADULTERY EVER SINCE YOU GOT ME NEUTERED.

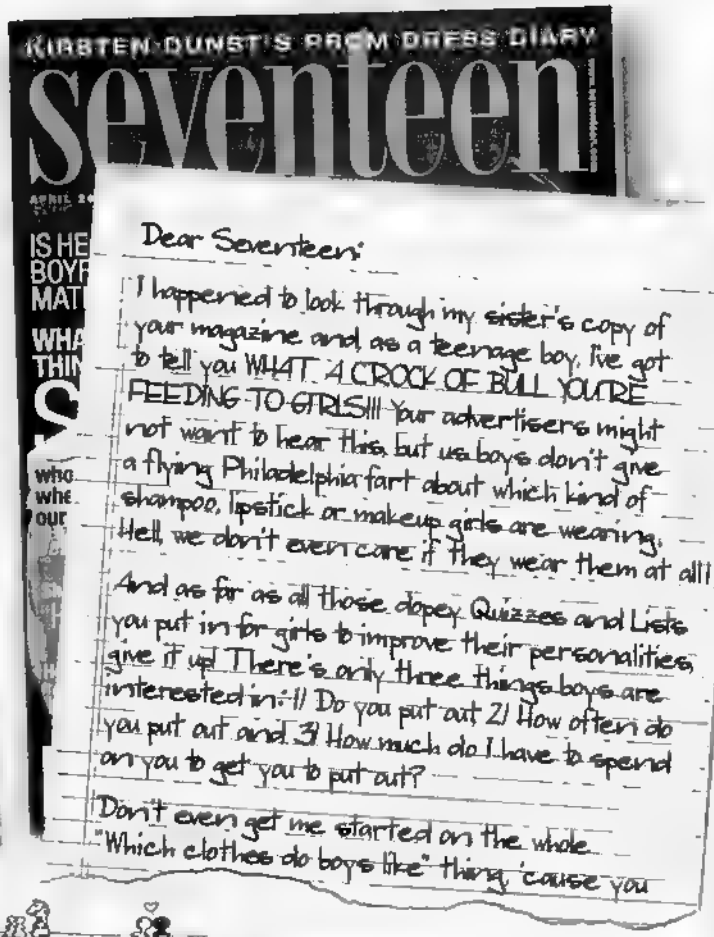
If you know anything about the magazine business (and if you do, you have one up on us), you know that magazines receive thousands and thousands of letters from their readers. And you also know that magazines are so concerned with their public image that they only print those rare letters that make them look good. But we can assure you that hidden in the back closet of every journal in the country, there are sacks and sacks of...

Letters to Magazines



Dear Martha Stewart Living:

After reading your December "Holiday Entertaining" issue, I set out to make my own "Martha's Magical Christmas Wreath." While I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the 6 hours I spent hand-gluing the rare (and expensive) Norwegian holly leaves to a hand-crafted wire frame, I was somewhat chagrined to discover that I could've bought a complete wreath that looks just as good in about five minutes at Wal-Mart for under $10! Not only that, but the same store also carried ready-made tree ornaments that cost



Dear Seventeen:

I happened to look through my sister's copy of your magazine and, as a teenage boy, I've got to tell you WHAT A CROCK OF BULL YOU'RE FEEDING TO GIRLS!!! Your advertisers might not want to hear this, but us boys don't give a flying Philadelphia fart about which kind of shampoo, lipstick or makeup girls are wearing. Hell, we don't even care if they wear them at all!

And as far as all those dopey Quizzes and Lists you put in for girls to improve their personalities, give it up! There's only three things boys are interested in: 1) Do you put out 2) How often do you put out and 3) How much do I have to spend on you to get you to put out?

Don't even get me started on the whole "Which clothes do boys like" thing 'cause you

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Modern Bride
THE PRETTIEST NEW DRESSES
BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD WEDDINGS
THE TRUTH ABOUT WEDDING NIGHT SEX
WOW BROWS! THE ONE BEAUTY TRICK YOU HAVE TO TRY
80 SAN

Dear Modern Bride:

Thank you, thank you, thank you for getting our marriage off on the right foot! My fiancé and I were originally planning on having a big, expensive formal wedding, but after spending hours and hours poring over your magazine (which could easily be mistaken for a catalog if one misses the three articles jammed between all the ads), we became overwhelmed by all the expensive choices

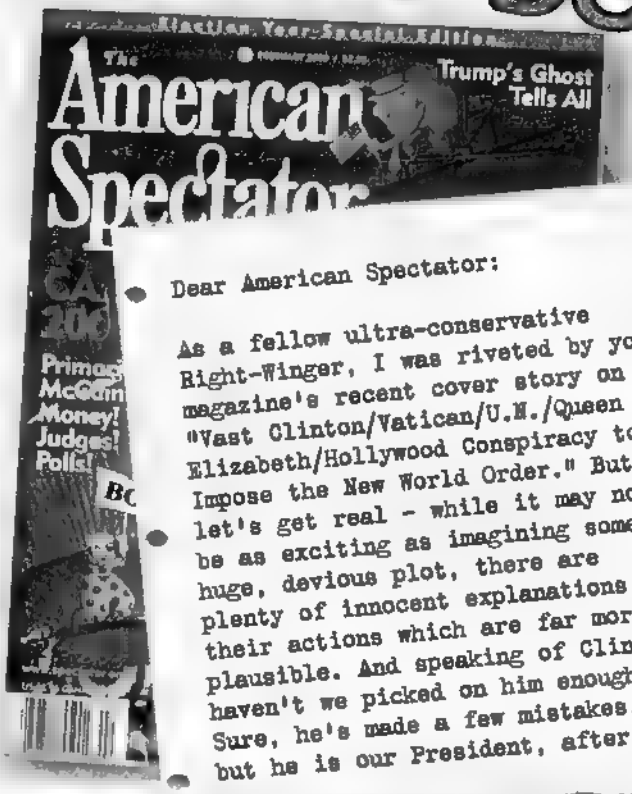
and just said, "Screw it." So we put the $20,000 we saved into a money market account and eloped to Vegas! Now we're about to close escrow on a brand new house while our friends Mark and Katie – a couple who DID blow the bucks on their one "big day" – are forced to live in a double-wide trailer down by the stock yards. Again, we can't thank you enough for making your magazine so hard to read

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

That We'll Never See

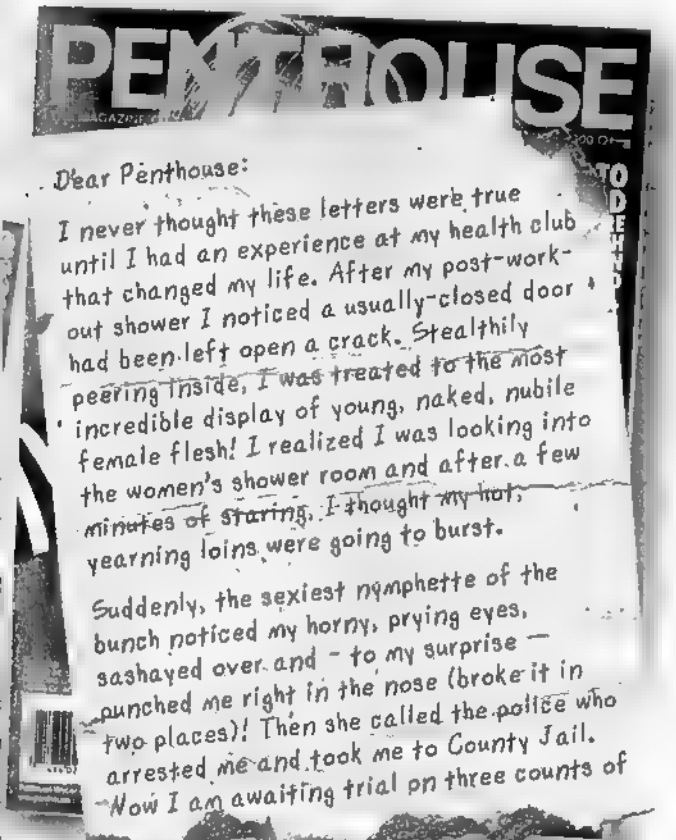
Dear Stereophile:

Regarding your recent test comparison of the Jenson 140B, the Klipsch AR-40 and the Maskomuki 200-B7 ("Three New Speakers Tested," February 2000), I went down to my local stereo store, listened to all of them myself and you know what? I really couldn't tell the difference between them. So I just bought — the ones that were on sale. I can't believe how much money I saved!



Dear American Spectator:

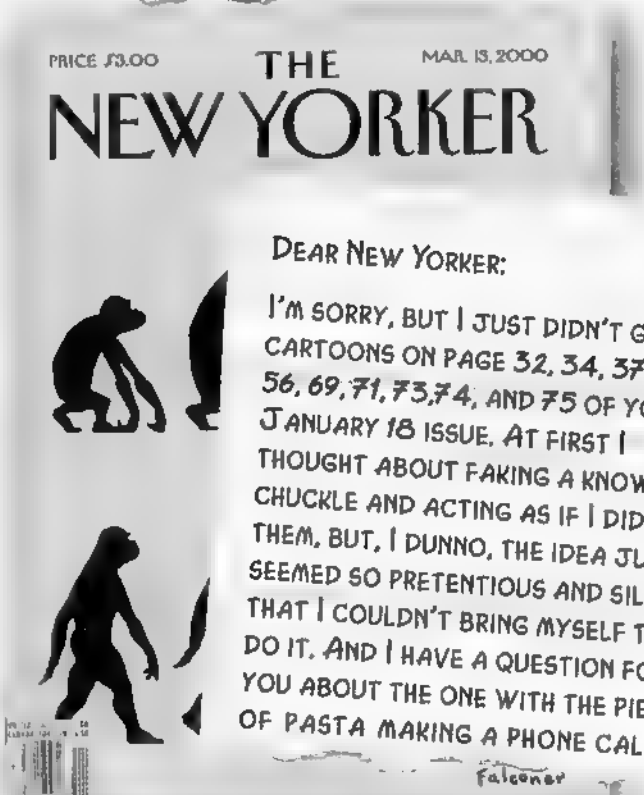
As a fellow ultra-conservative Right-Winger, I was riveted by your magazine's recent cover story on the "Vast Clinton/Vatican/U.N./Queen Elizabeth/Hollywood Conspiracy to Impose the New World Order." But let's get real - while it may not be as exciting as imagining some huge, devious plot, there are plenty of innocent explanations for their actions which are far more plausible. And speaking of Clinton, haven't we picked on him enough? Sure, he's made a few mistakes, but he is our President, after all



Dear Penthouse:

I never thought these letters were true until I had an experience at my health club that changed my life. After my post-work-out shower I noticed a usually-closed door had been left open a crack. Stealthily peering inside, I was treated to the most incredible display of young, naked, nubile female flesh! I realized I was looking into the women's shower room and after a few minutes of staring, I thought my hot, yearning loins were going to burst.

Suddenly, the sexiest nymphette of the bunch noticed my horny, prying eyes, sashayed over and - to my surprise — punched me right in the nose (broke it in two places)! Then she called the police who arrested me and took me to County Jail. Now I am awaiting trial on three counts of



DEAR NEW YORKER:

I'M SORRY, BUT I JUST DIDN'T GET THE CARTOONS ON PAGE 32, 34, 37, 48, 56, 69, 71, 73, 74, AND 75 OF YOUR JANUARY 18 ISSUE. AT FIRST I THOUGHT ABOUT FAKING A KNOWING CHUCKLE AND ACTING AS IF I DID GET THEM. BUT, I DUNNO, THE IDEA JUST SEEMED SO PRETENTIOUS AND SILLY THAT I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO DO IT. AND I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU ABOUT THE ONE WITH THE PIECE OF PASTA MAKING A PHONE CALL

Falconer

"Whatever," "Talk to the hand" and "Potential Y2K fallout" are just a couple of lyric, "We're gonna party like it's 1999")! However, there are even more linguistic

Words And Phrases That Left the

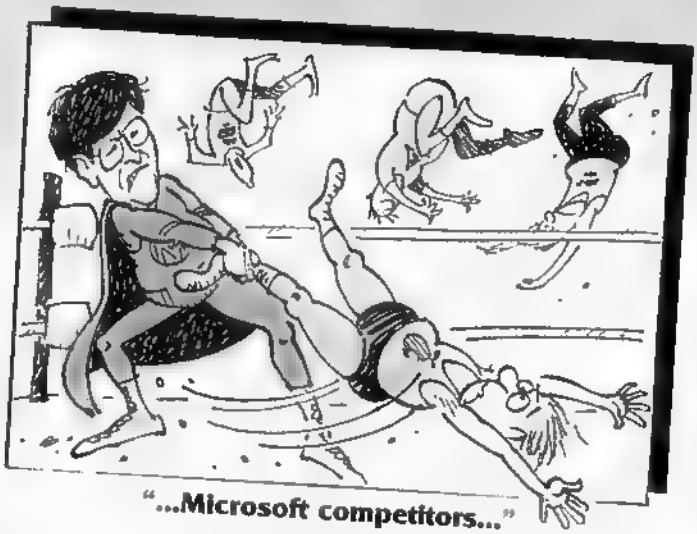
"...police restraint..."

"...getting away from it all..."

"...family newspaper..."

"...faith in the judicial system..."

"...affordable medical care..."



"...Microsoft competitors..."

ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

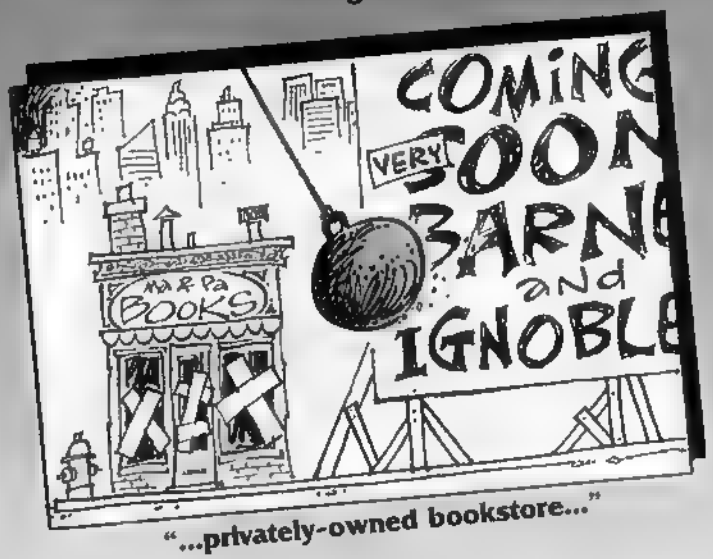
phrases that we can happily leave behind in the '90s (along with that damn Prince gems that will not be passing through people's lips in the new millennium! Here's...

English Language During the '90s

"...eagerly anticipated Michael Jackson album..."

"...fact checking..."

"...career-ending sex scandal..."



"...privately-owned bookstore..."

"...24-volume encyclopedia..."

"...Kevin Costner blockbuster..."

TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

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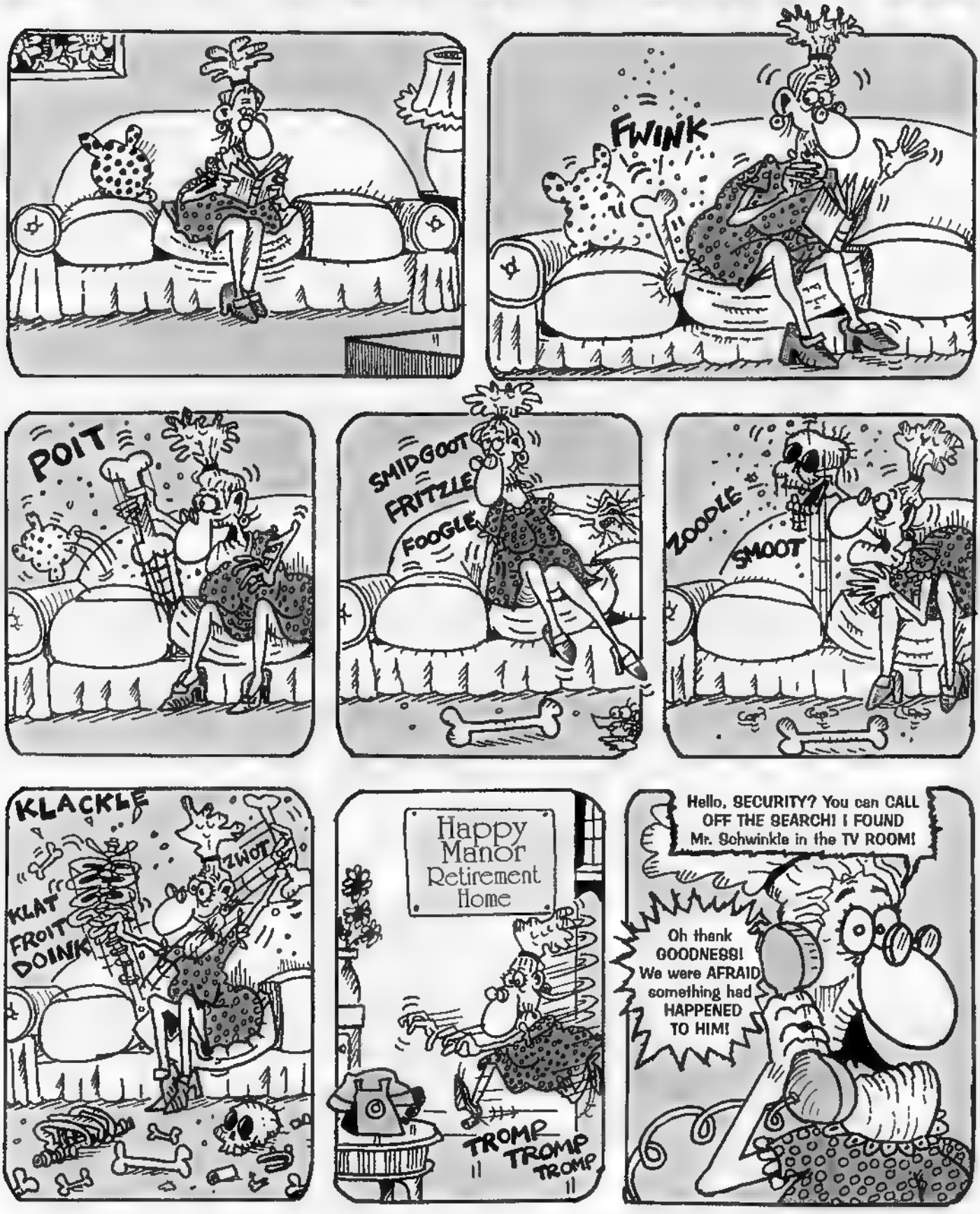


ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING

ANGLE

The WB had its first hit in a long time with *Busty, The Vampire Spayer*! So what does a network do when it has a hit? Easy! Produce another show exactly like it, but maybe give it just a slightly different...

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: DICK BEBARTOLO

I'm **Angle**, a good **vampire** who sometimes **loses control** of his **good side** to become a...

...**TORMENTED, BLOOD-SUCKING KILLER!** In other words, I'm kinda **moody**, and a little **two-faced**! But good or bad, I spend **all my time** dealing with **depraved creatures** that crawl up from the **bowels** of the Earth! Which **reminds me**, I have to **call my agent**!

I'm **Wetly**! You may remember me from **Crummydale High**, where I pretended to be the **school librarian**! I was actually there to **protect vampire slayers**, like Busty! Then I was **found out**, and **fired**! Not because they found out I was a **vampire slayer protector** – fired because my penalty for an **overdue book** was a **stake** in the **heart**!

I'm **HardCordelia**! I used to be **self-centered**, but now I'm **different**! I'm **better**! I'm **more rounded**! I'm **more grounded**! A **lot prettier**, too! I'm **proud** of the **new, modest me**! Also, back in **high school**, I would have **sex** with **anyone**! Now I only have **sex** with **men** who have a **high school diploma**! Hey! You **gotta** start being **picky**! My **goal** in life is to be in the **movies**! I have no **brains**, a **great body** and **marginal talent** — in other words, I'll be a **star**!

THAT'S MY BOY!!

BUFFY

MACKORN MAC'KORN PIZZA PIZZA

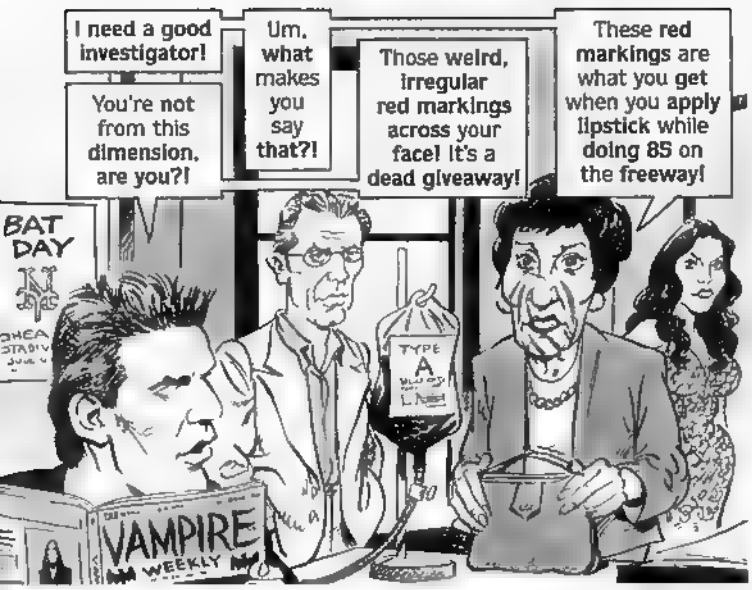
GLUG-GLUG

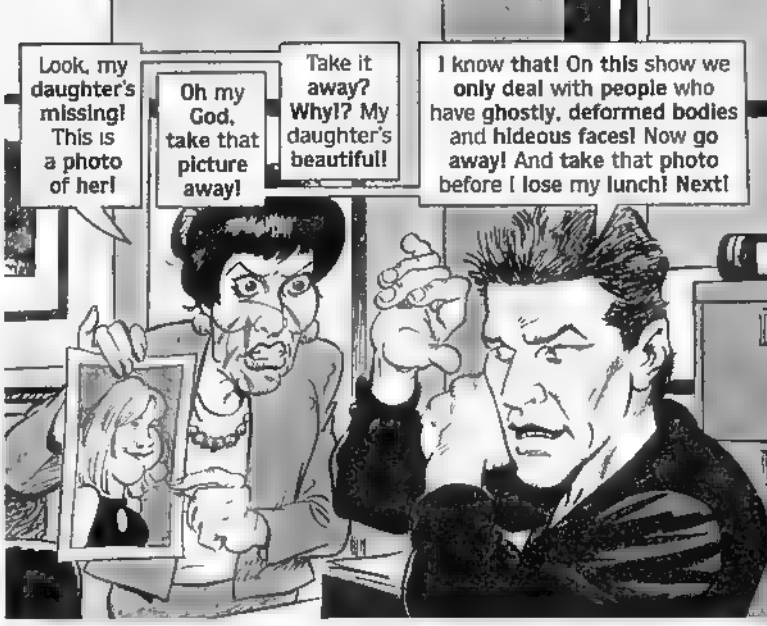
I'm **Doit**! I used to be on this **series**, but I **died** when I **sacrificed myself** for the **good** of **mankind** by absorbing the brilliant **white light** from the powerful **Beacon of Evil**! That happened in **Episode Nine**, which was filmed right after I told the **producers** I wanted a **giant pay raise**! Hmmm... I wonder if there's a **connection**...?

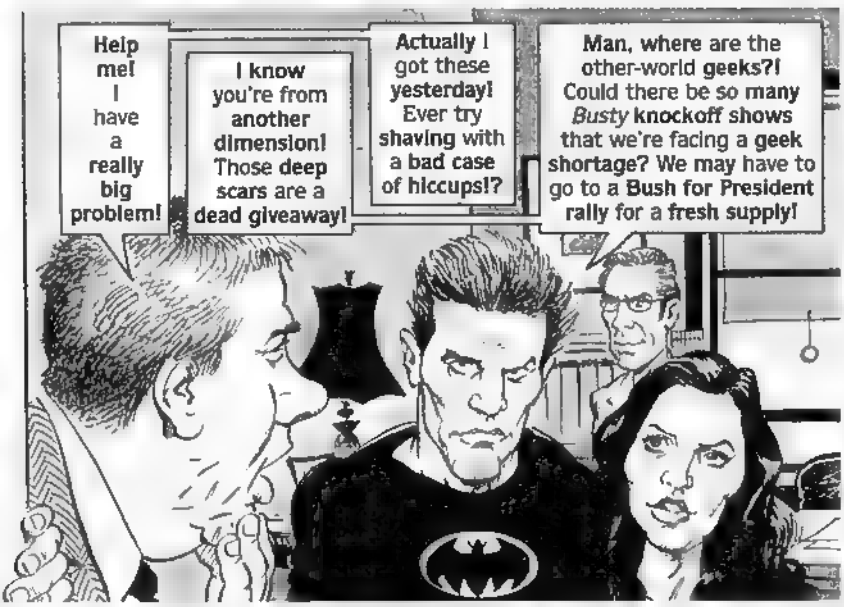
I'm **Kite**, a **Los Angeles detective**! Angle and I were **hot** and **heavy** for a while! He liked my **handcuffs**, I liked his **nightstick**! But after a while, it got **weird**! I don't mind coming home with a **hickey**, but after the **last date** with Angle, I came home with **two holes** in my neck! Now that's just **too kinky**, even in **L.A.**!

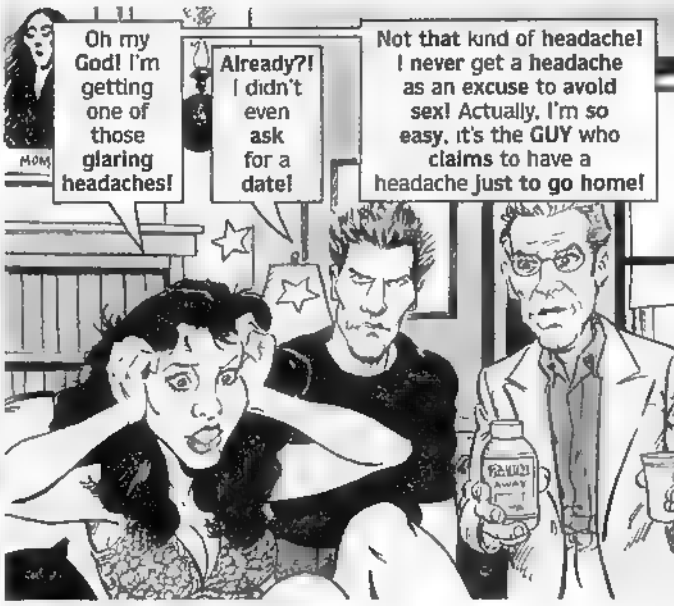
I'm **Dumbist**, the ghost! Normally I **haunt HardCordelia's apartment**, but she's home so little, I've started **haunting** her at **work** to help pass the **time**! I **move stuff** and scare off **delivery boys** so Angle doesn't have to pay — **or tip** —them! It's a pretty **crappy assignment**, but until they decide to film ***Ghostbusters III*** or ***Sixth Sense II***, there's not much **work** for **ghosts** in this **town**!

DET. KITE


I need a good investigator!
You're not from this dimension, are you?!
Um, what makes you say that?!
Those weird, irregular red markings across your face! It's a dead giveaway!
These red markings are what you get when you apply lipstick while doing 85 on the freeway!
BAT DAY
TYPE A
VAMPIRE WEEKLY


Look, my daughter's missing! This is a photo of her!
Oh my God, take that picture away!
Take it away? Why!? My daughter's beautiful!
I know that! On this show we only deal with people who have ghostly, deformed bodies and hideous faces! Now go away! And take that photo before I lose my lunch! Next!


Help me! I have a really big problem!
I know you're from another dimension! Those deep scars are a dead giveaway!
Actually I got these yesterday! Ever try shaving with a bad case of hiccups!?
Man, where are the other-world geeks?! Could there be so many *Busty* knockoff shows that we're facing a geek shortage? We may have to go to a Bush for President rally for a fresh supply!

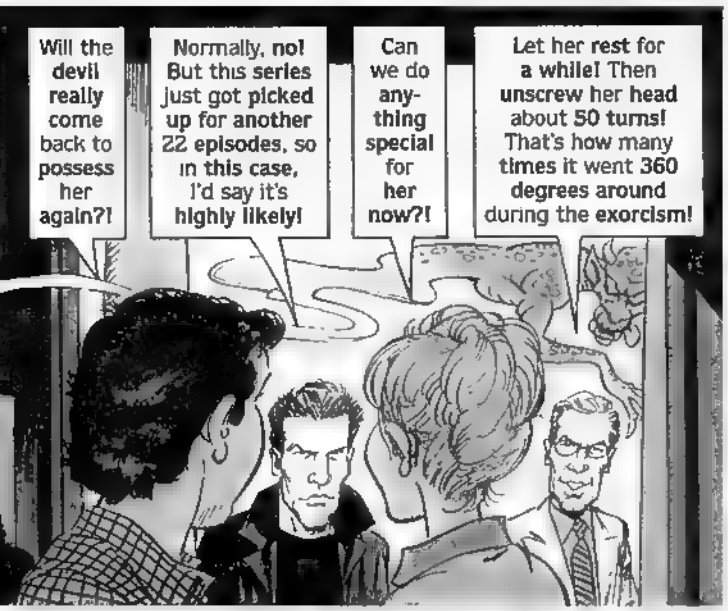

Oh my God! I'm getting one of those glaring headaches!
Already?! I didn't even ask for a date!
Not that kind of headache! I never get a headache as an excuse to avoid sex! Actually, I'm so easy, it's the GUY who claims to have a headache just to go home!

I see writers in a room... suffering...I They stare in terror at a blank computer screen! They can't think of any new plots! Suddenly one of them cries out. *"The Exorcist*...We'll rip off the plot of *The Exorcist!"*
Dolt was another-world being who could see evil about to happen! When he died, he passed his "gift" on to HardCordella!
If that's your idea of a "gift," do me a favor and forget my birthday!

We're going to 485 Madison Avenue! HardCordella saw the vision of a child possessed there! I don't know what you call an amazing ability like hers!
I think you call it "the ability to read"! That guy in our office gave her this piece of paper! See? It says "Exorcism needed at 485 Madison Avenue! 13th floor! No appointment necessary!"
MILLION VAMPIRE MARCH (AFTER DARK)

We were told your child is possessed by the devil!
I don't know what you're talking about!
Be my guest! My daughter's up in her room! Levitating over the bed!
Can we see for ourselves?!
Bill Gates uses a Mac! Al Gore would make an excellent President! Philip Morris is really interested in helping people stop smoking!
My God, she's stark raving mad! That ridiculous babbling is a dead giveaway! Do you know how to perform an exorcism, Wetly?!
Not really! That's why I got this!
A book on performing exorcisms?!
No, a video tape of The Exorcist! If you steal the concept, why not steal the movie's plot resolution too!
You will both win Emmys for this episode! And the series will win a "People's Choice Award" for originality!
Hurry! Her rantings are getting even more outlandish!
Martha Stewart uses package mix for cakes!
Okay! What do we need to perform the exorcism?!
We need dust from the caterpillars of the Himalayas, scales from the skin of a cobra, and the right leg of a centipede!
Where can we find stuff like that?!
Taco Bell! Oddly enough, all that stuff can usually be found in a Chalupa!
She's trying to drive us out of the room by making the furniture fly around!
Ask her to move the dresser to the right of the closet, and the chest of drawers to where the armoire is! I've always wanted to see if that made this room look bigger!
Then see if you can get her to push my car to the gas station! The battery's dead and I'm out of gas!
Do you want your daughter back, or a devil-possessed moving man?!
Hmmm. That's a tough choice considering what movers charge today!

Look! She stopped levitating! She's back on the bed! OUR power must be stronger than HER power!
Was it YOUR power? Because it wasn't MY power!
I'm beginning to doubt BOTH their powers!
PEA SOUP PAIL
It's easy to get cheap $39 airline tickets at the time you want to go! There are no hidden charges when you rent a car! AOL charges reasonable rates!
I just can't stand this drive! anymore!
I can't stand this drive! anymore either! We are talking about the kid's dialogue and not ours, right?!
Well, quite frankly That's a real toss-up!
I can't give up! I'm a 245-year-old vampire who must reclaim his humanity by saving lost souls!
You're 245 years old?! Forget saving the little brat! Just give me the name of your plastic surgeon!
Man, how many nips and tucks have you had?!
Okay! No more Mr. Nice Vampire! I'm getting angry! I'm losing control of my good side! My fangs are deploying, and that hideous crease is appearing on my face!
Wow! Now THAT'S what I call a tormented soul!
Really?! I would call it "bad morphing"!
I call that a bad surgery job! Your face is coming apart! Forget about giving us the name of your plastic surgeon!
Omnibus... You'rethebus... We'rethebus... Takeabus... and get out of this child!
The demon is now leaving your child! She'll be fine!
What about that demonic symbol searing her skin?!
Oh that's just a rubber stamp the devil left! He can now re-enter her body without paying another admission fee!


Will the devil really come back to possess her again?!
Normally, no! But this series just got picked up for another 22 episodes, so in this case, I'd say it's highly likely!
Can we do anything special for her now?!
Let her rest for a while! Then unscrew her head about 50 turns! That's how many times it went 360 degrees around during the exorcism!

Angle conquered evil again! He's really good at that!
I know! Once after a date with a man who was really a warlock, I got pregnant with seven demonic beings!
And Angle was able to exorcise them from your body?!
Yep! But only after I filed my tax return! I didn't want to miss out on that many deductions!

There was a FedEx slip on the door! How come you weren't here to sign for a package?!
I was in the bathroom, but I put a note on the door! "If no one answers, Dumbist the ghost will sign for deliveries"! Guess the guy didn't stay long enough to read it! By the way, Busty called! She'd like to see you again!

I'd like to see Busty too, but when I'm around her, I become monosyllabic!
Well, when you see her this time, just don't talk so much! And I'd dress up a bit!
What's wrong with the way I dress?!
I'd say you need a little color! Look at you! Black overcoat, pants, shirt, even black shoes and socks!
I get the picture! I guess I'll break out my garish solid gray tie!

I don't want to start kissing, because you know what it'll lead to!
It's okay! I brought protection for you!
Er...I'm not talking about condoms!
Me neither! I'm talking about garlic and a wooden stake!
Wasn't there a joke like this in the MAD *Busty* satire?!
Yeah, this is a MAD crossover joke! If characters can cross-over, why not jokes?!
Now here's a preview of the fall schedule on the WB! Tuesday night, it's Busty, *followed by* Angle! *Wednesday, it's two new original shows,* HardCordella, *followed by* Wetly! *Thursday it's the new two-hour* Adventures of Dumbist The Ghost!

I guess if a network has only two shows that people watch, they have to milk it for all it's worth!

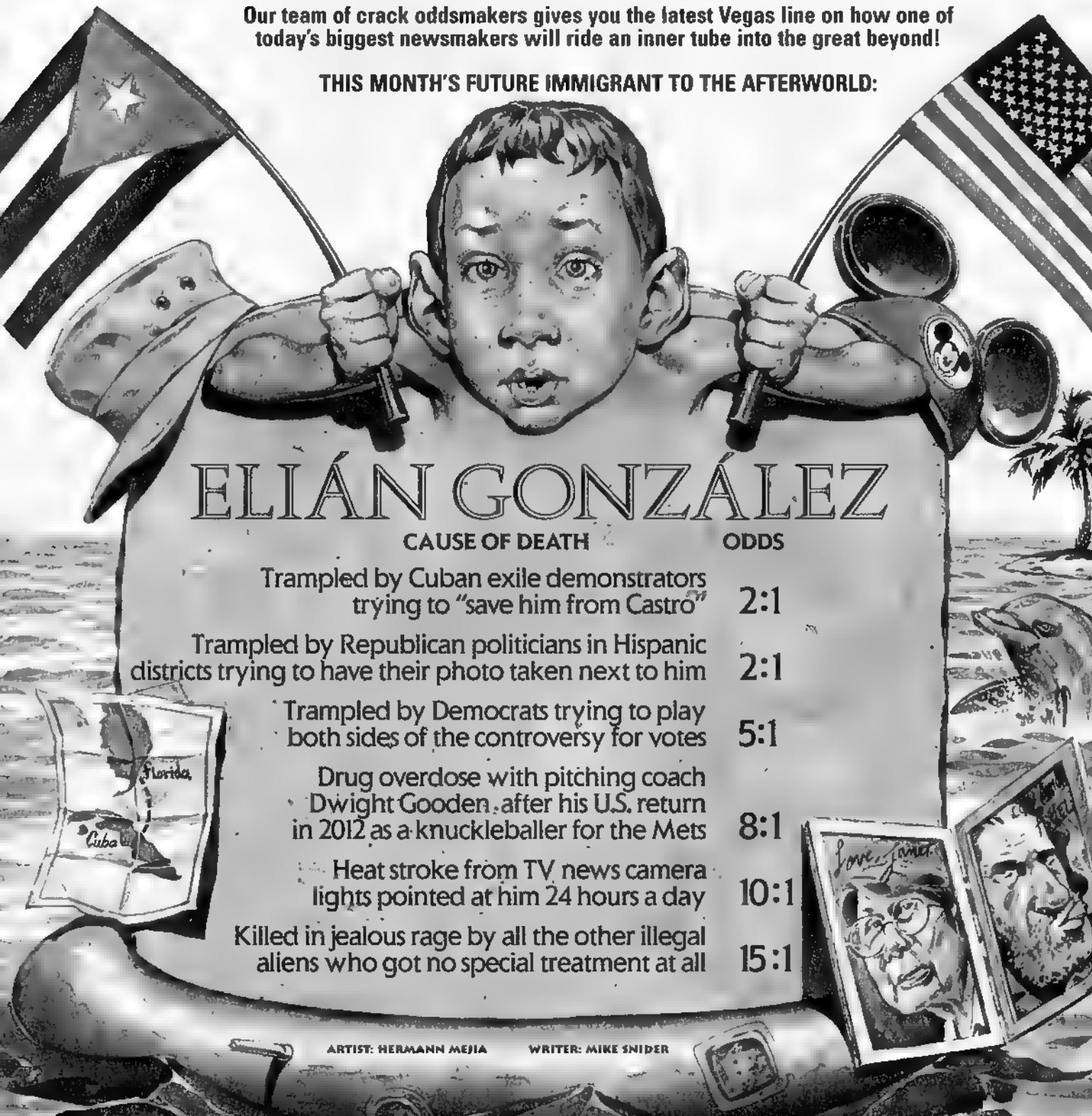
GRIEVING LAS VEGAS DEPT.

MAD's

CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest newsmakers will ride an inner tube into the great beyond!

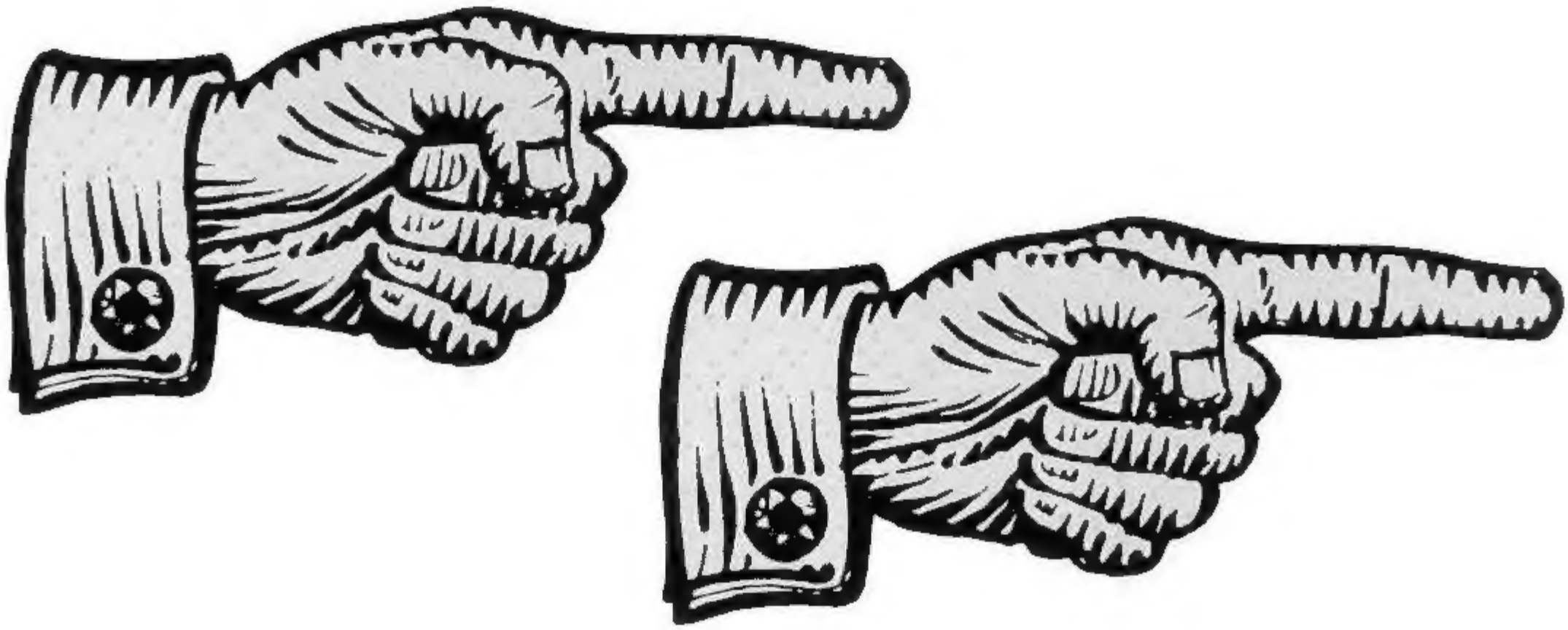
THIS MONTH'S FUTURE IMMIGRANT TO THE AFTERWORLD:



ELIÁN GONZÁLEZ

CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
Trampled by Cuban exile demonstrators trying to "save him from Castro"	2:1
Trampled by Republican politicians in Hispanic districts trying to have their photo taken next to him	2:1
Trampled by Democrats trying to play both sides of the controversy for votes	5:1
Drug overdose with pitching coach Dwight Gooden after his U.S. return in 2012 as a knuckleballer for the Mets	8:1
Heat stroke from TV news camera lights pointed at him 24 hours a day	10:1
Killed in jealous rage by all the other illegal aliens who got no special treatment at all	15:1

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



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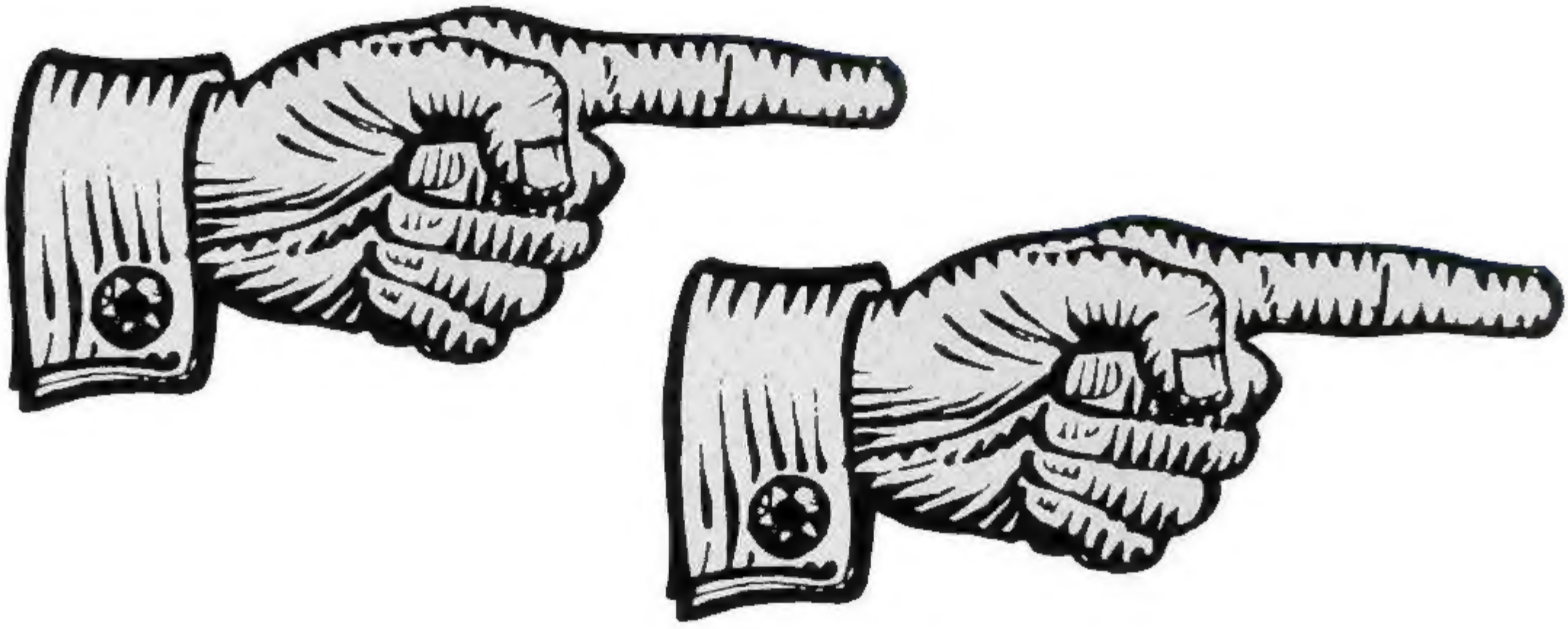

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UGLIEST ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN SPORTS TODAY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

It seems that every sporting event is marred by unnecessary violence, which makes going to games a miserable experience. And there is one kind of goonish behavior that is particularly disturbing! To find out who's committing the most outrageously offensive acts, simply fold page in as shown.

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THERE'S ENOUGH VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD WITHOUT SPORTS ADDING MORE. FAIR-MINDED FANS ARE SICK OF CONTRIBUTING TIME AND MONEY TO THESE GAMES. ONLY A FOOL PARDONS BEHAVIOR THAT CASTS A PALL ON SPORTING EVENTS

A B

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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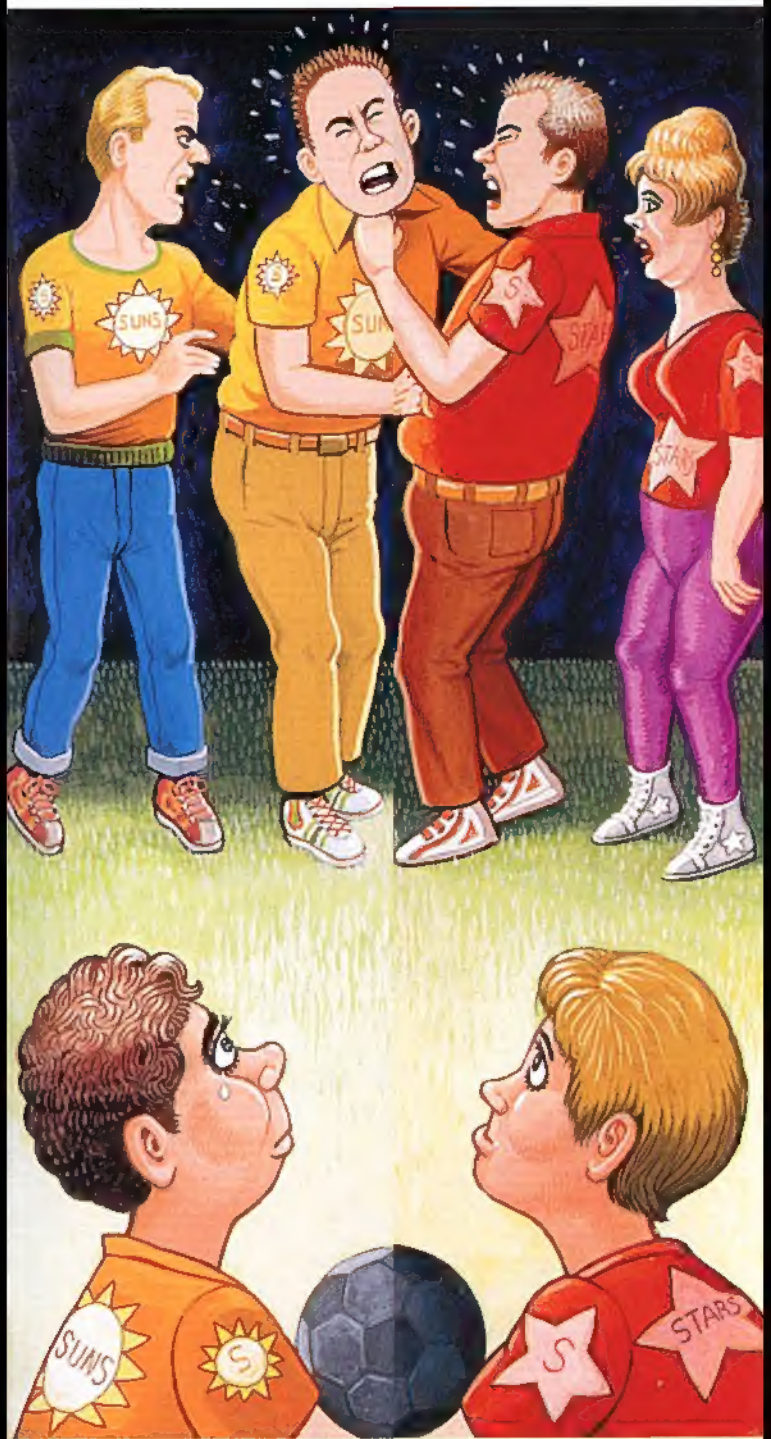

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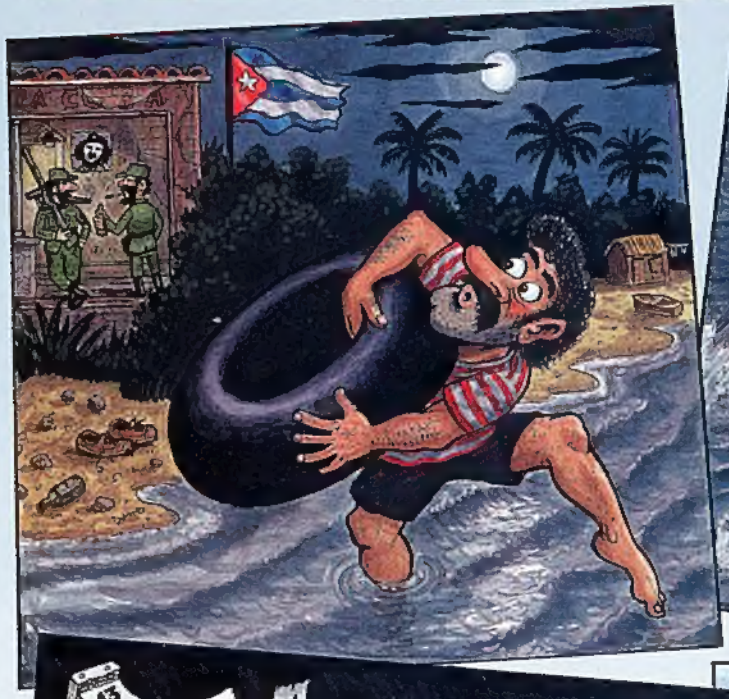

ARTIST: TOM BUNK WRITER: MICHAEL GALLAGHER